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IT
SEEMS
WE HAVE
SOME
FREE
TIME
NOW.



YES, I AGREE.

THERE IS A LIMIT TO HOW LONG I CAN SIT AROUND AND DO NOTHING FOR.

WE MAY HAVE FINISHED A BIT TOO QUICKLY.

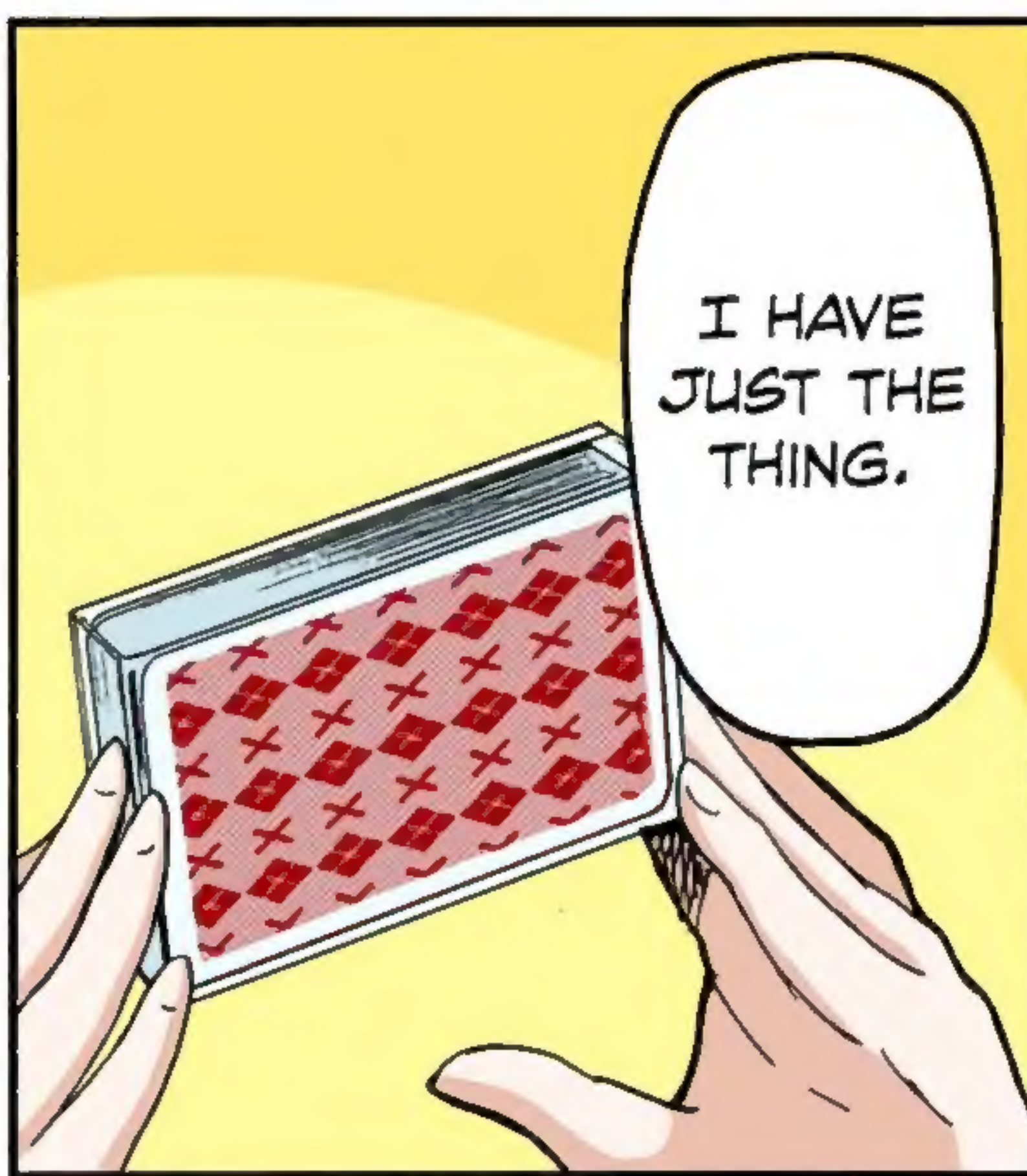


THEN...

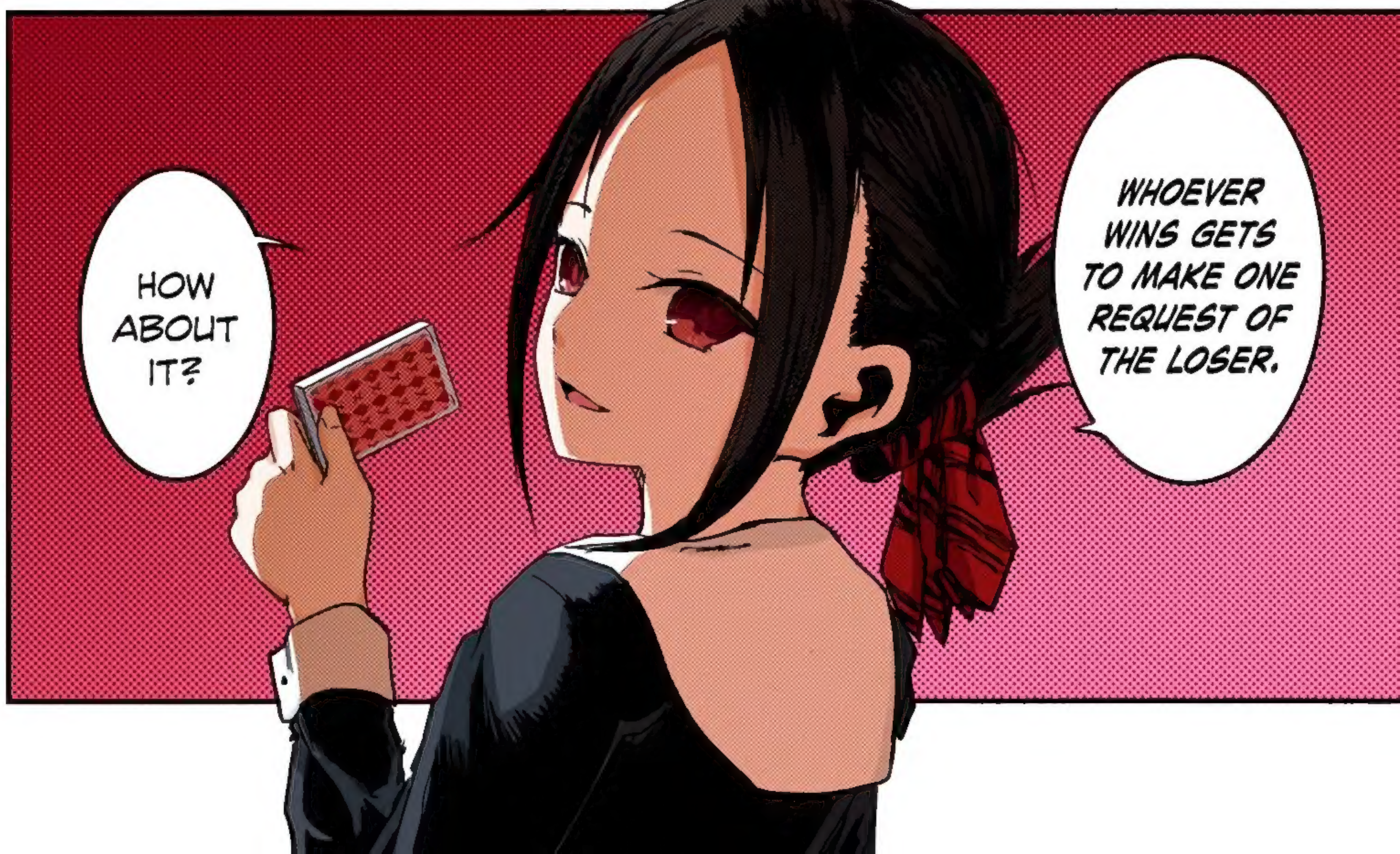


CARDS?

QUITE THE CHILDISH GAME...



I HAVE JUST THE THING.



HOW ABOUT IT?

WHOEVER WINS GETS TO MAKE ONE REQUEST OF THE LOSER.

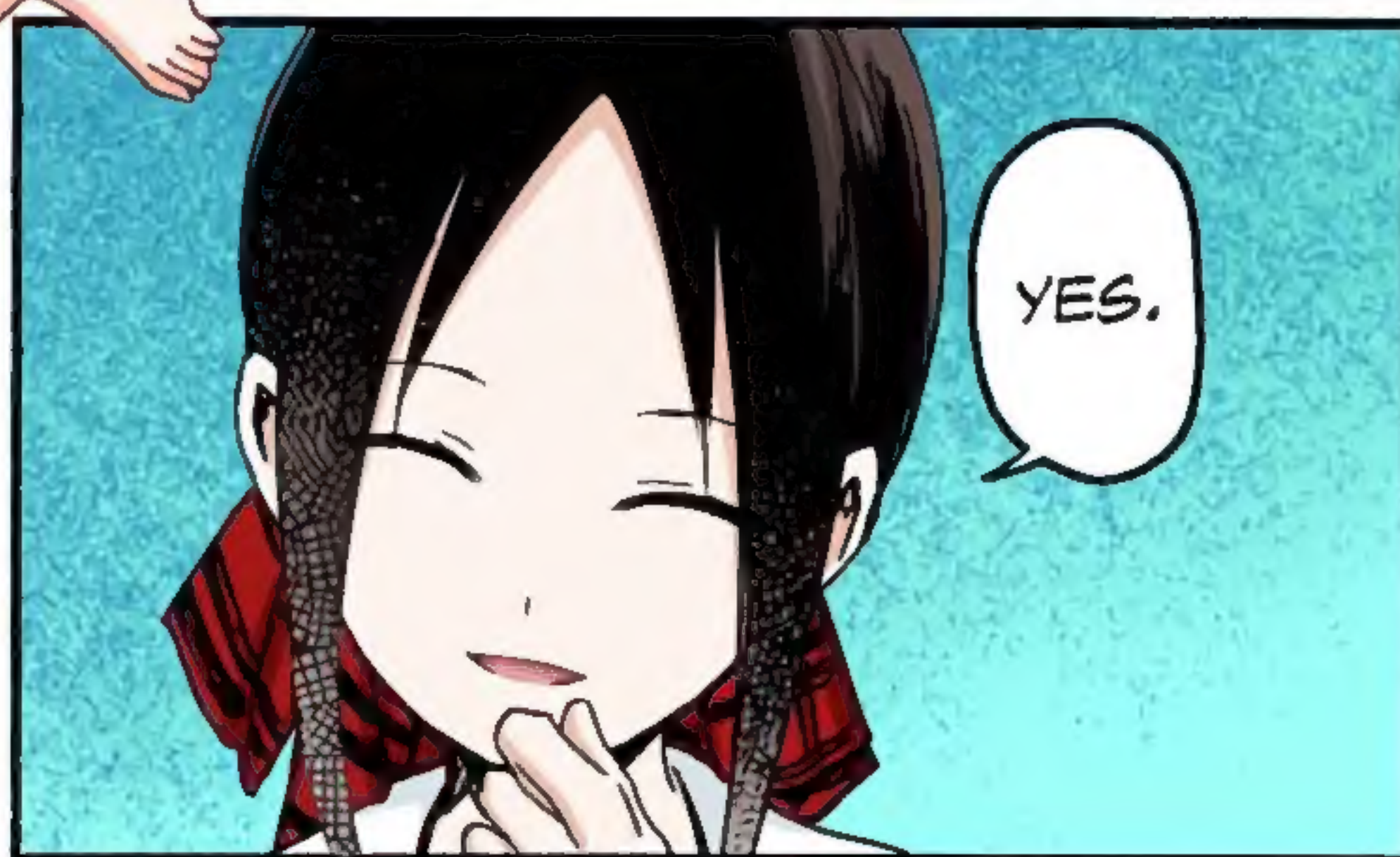


A
REQUEST...

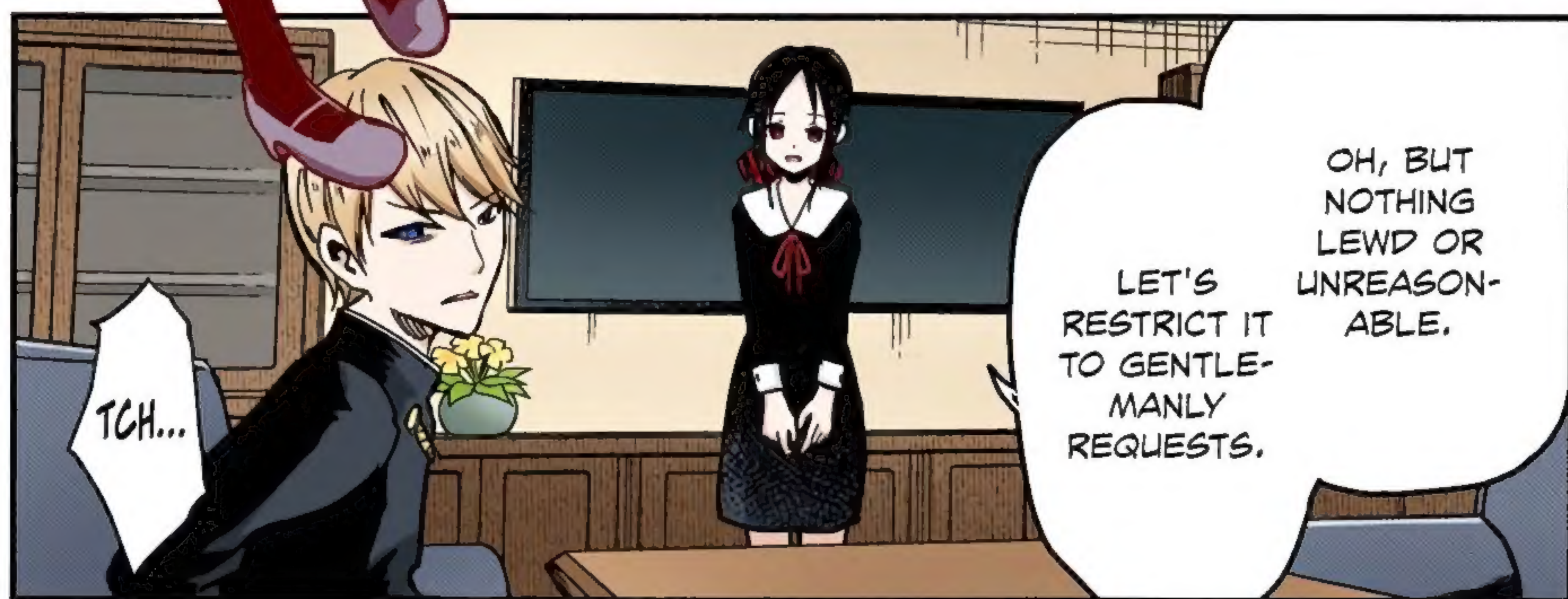


RE-
QUEST?

ANY...



YES.



TCH...

OH, BUT
NOTHING
LEWD OR
UNREASON-
ABLE.
LET'S
RESTRICT IT
TO GENTLE-
MANLY
REQUESTS.



HOW
ABOUT

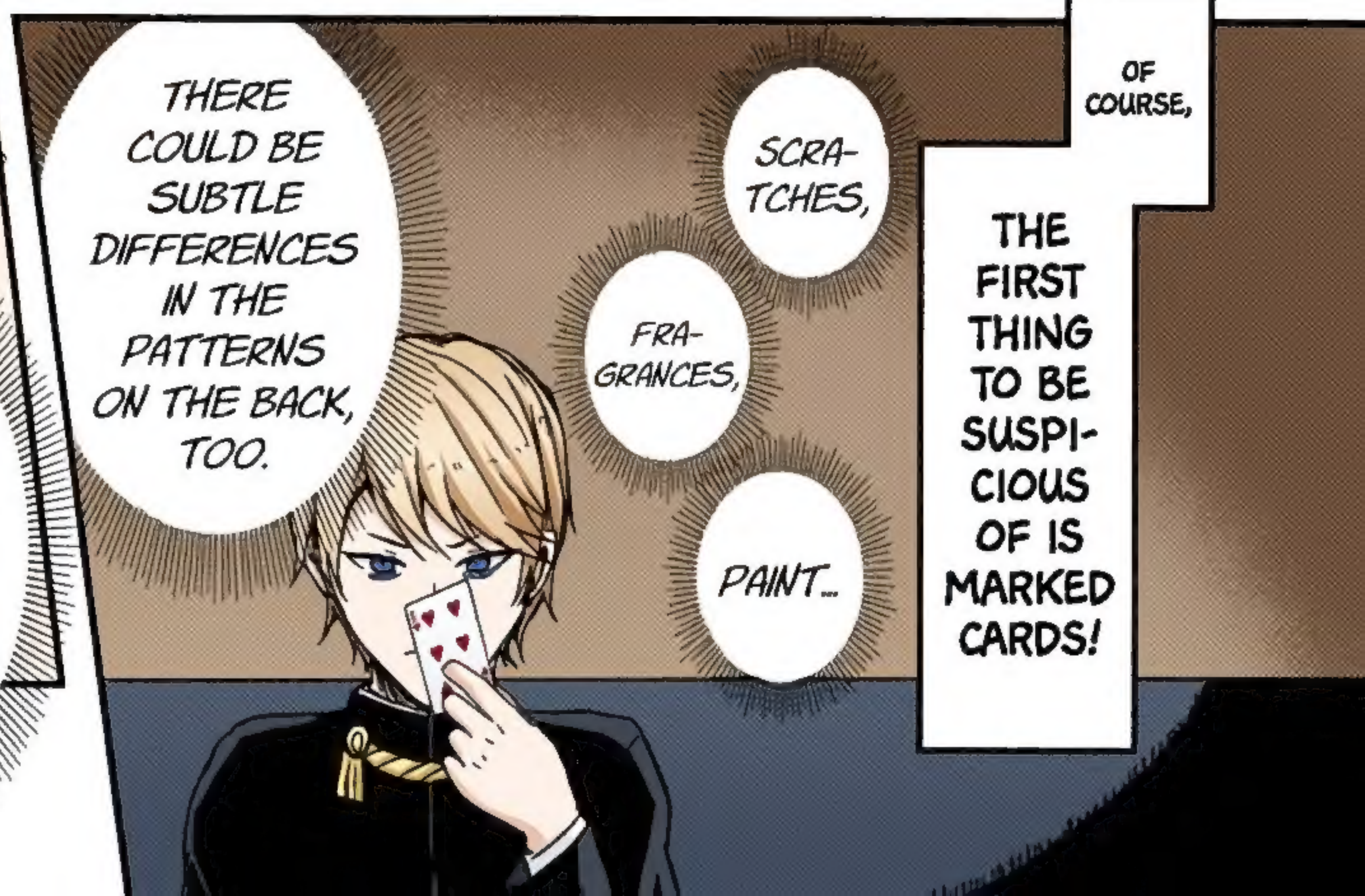
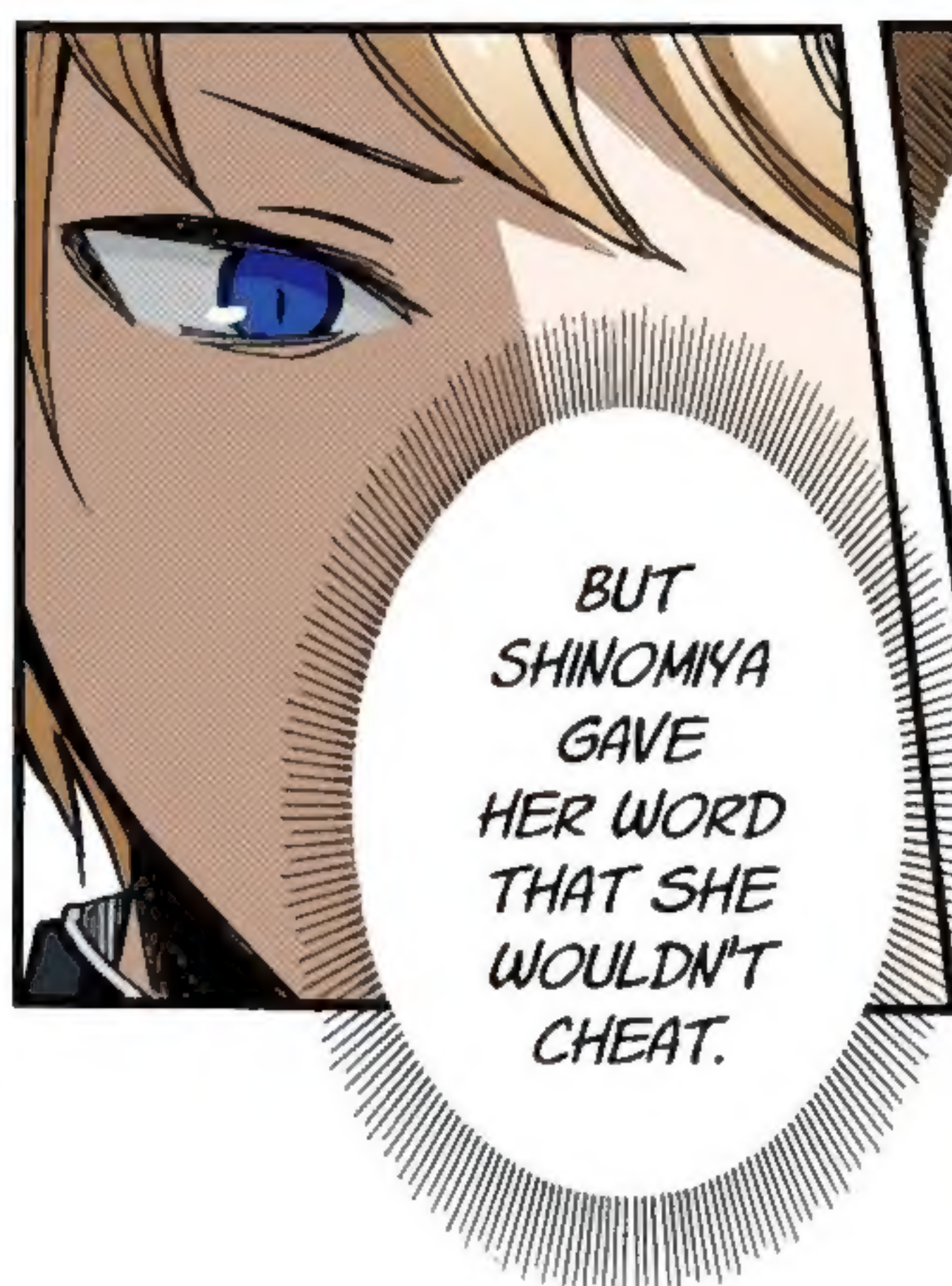
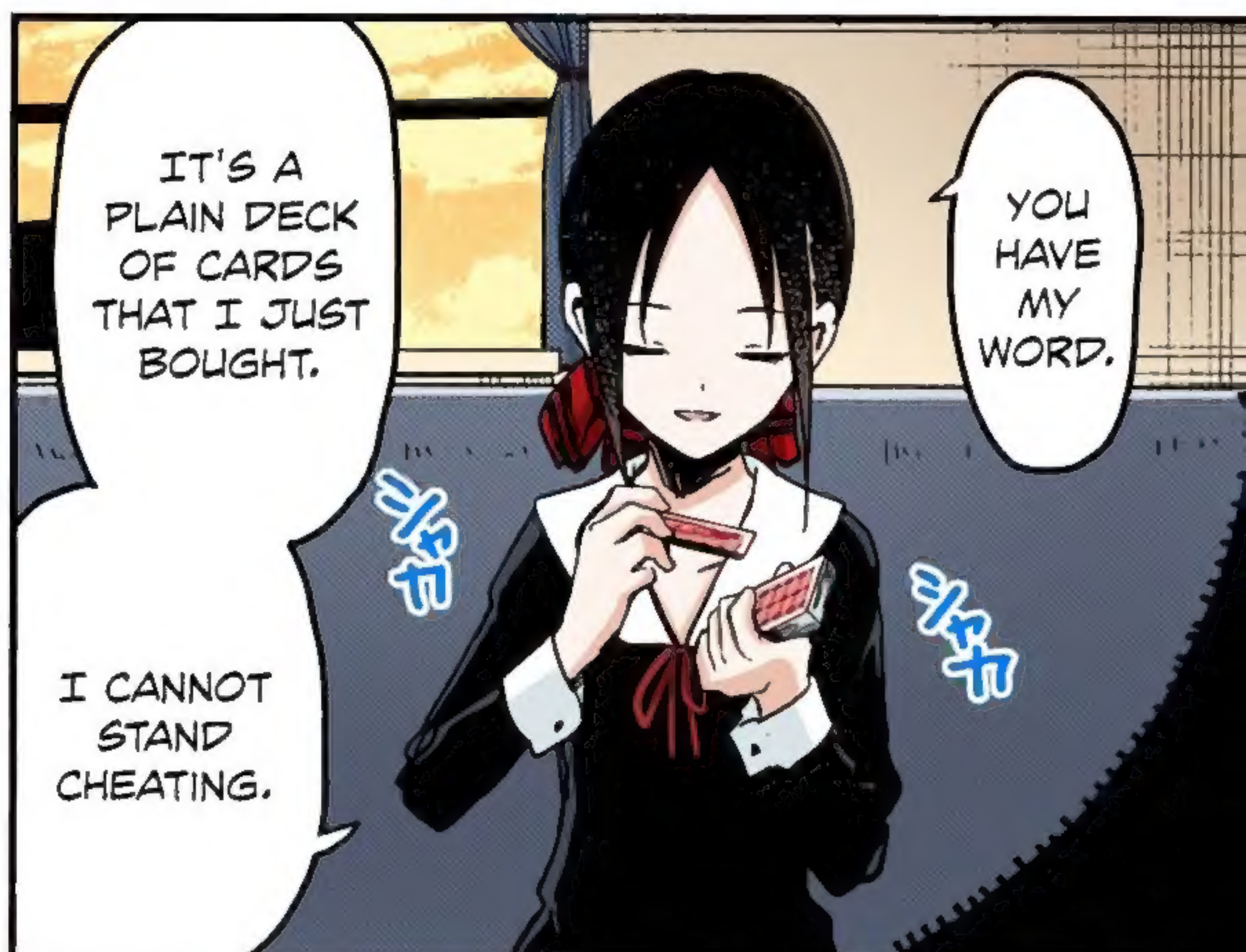
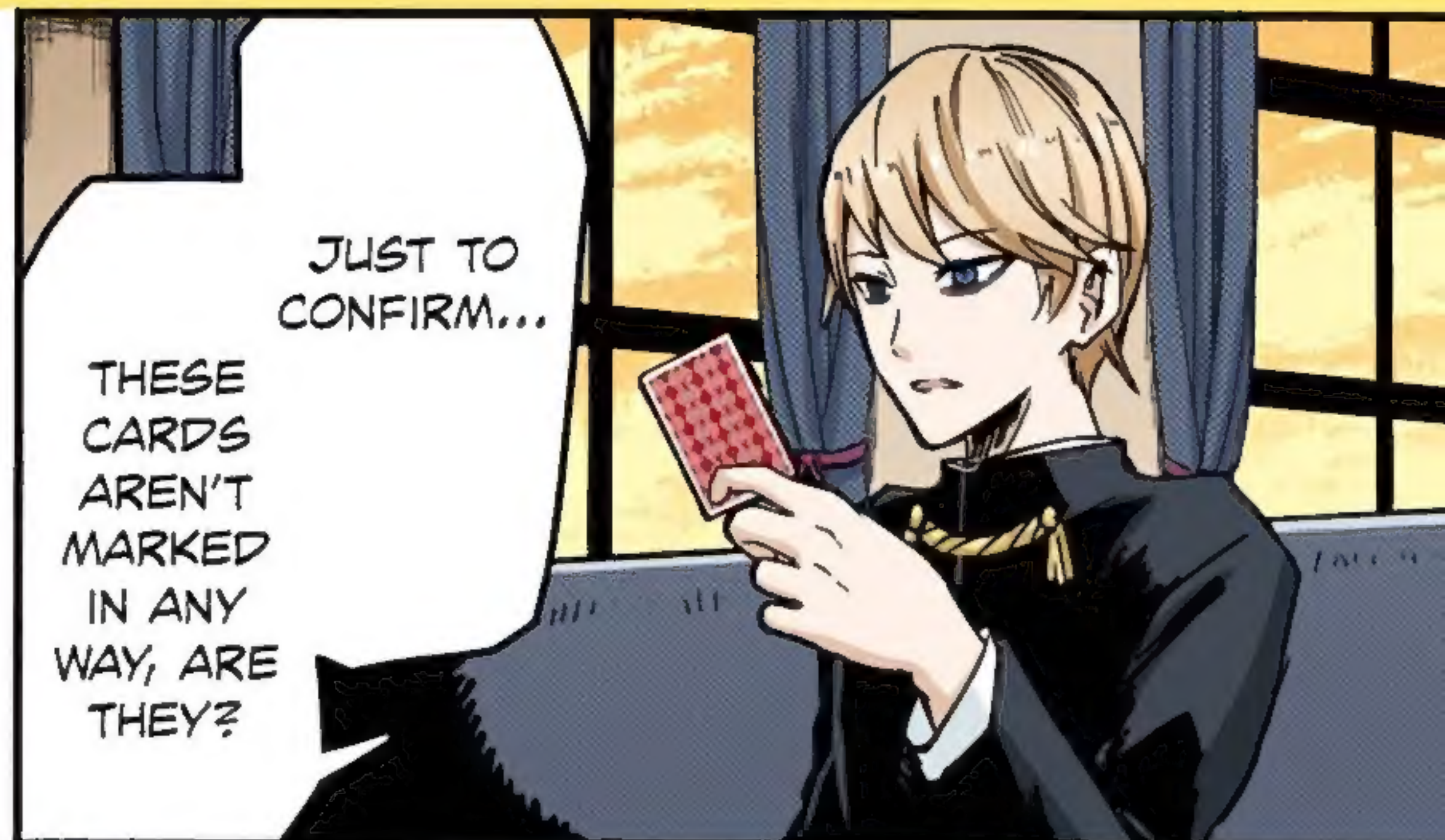
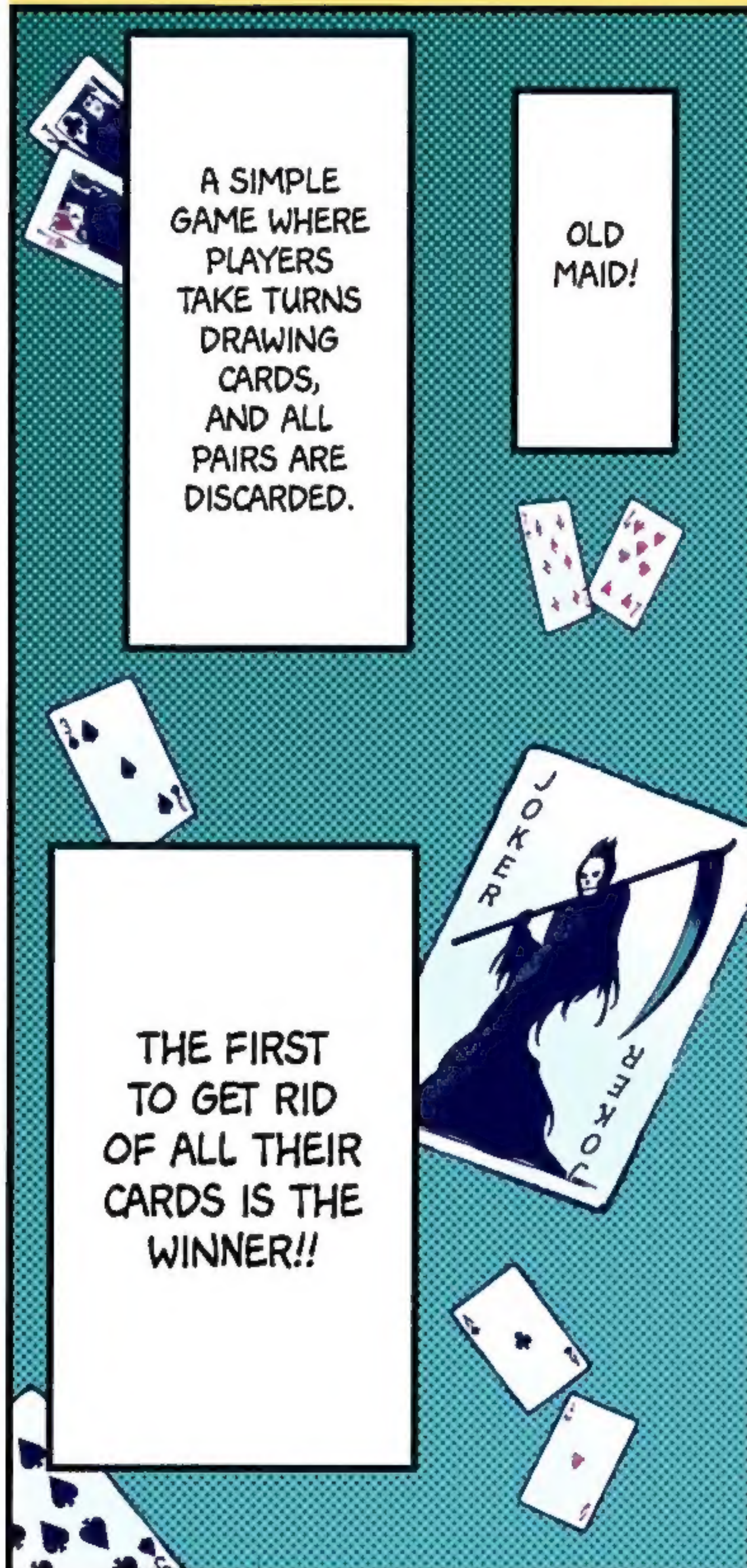
A SIMPLE
GAME OF
OLD MAID?

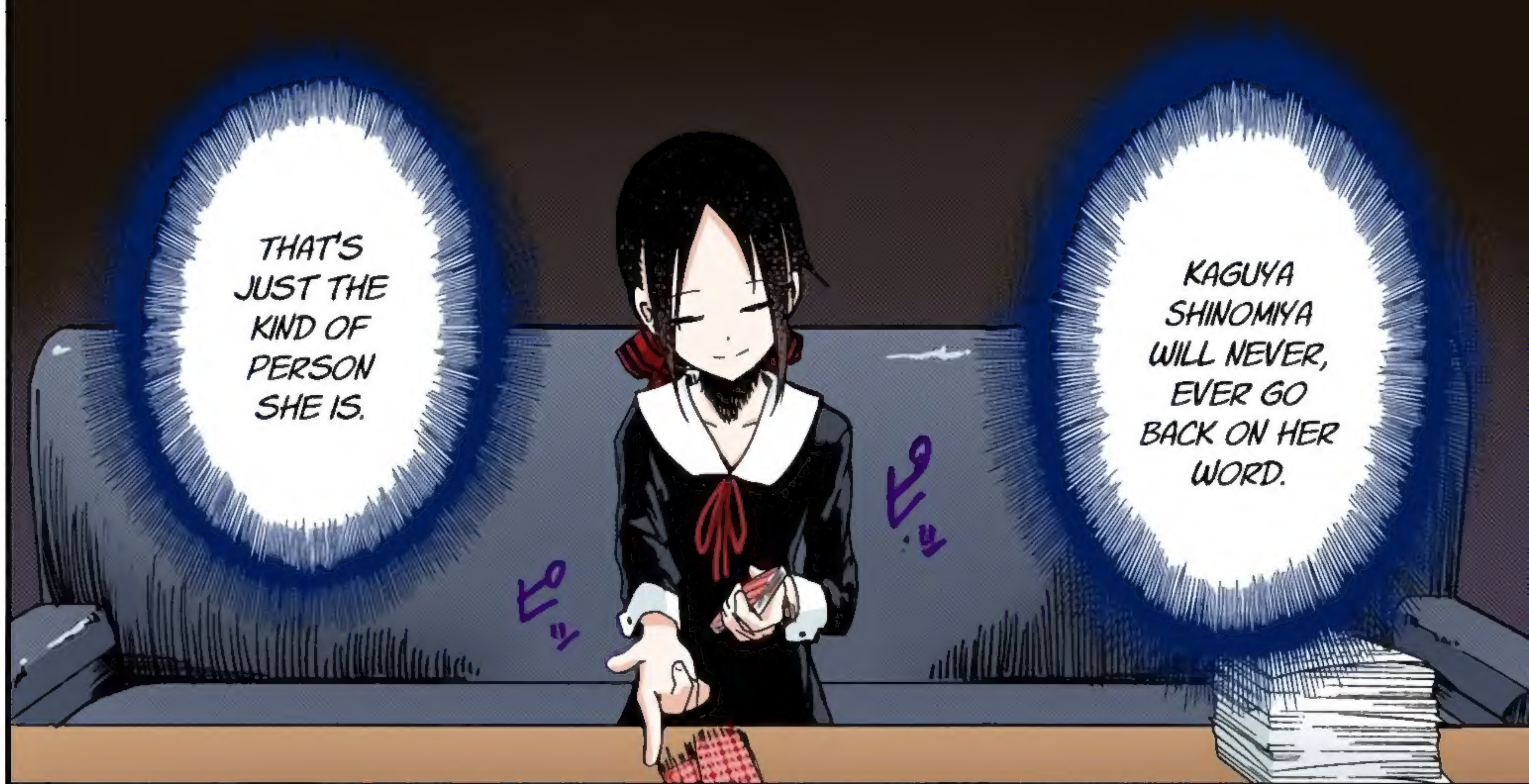


WHAT'LL
WE BE
PLAYING?

ALRIGHT.

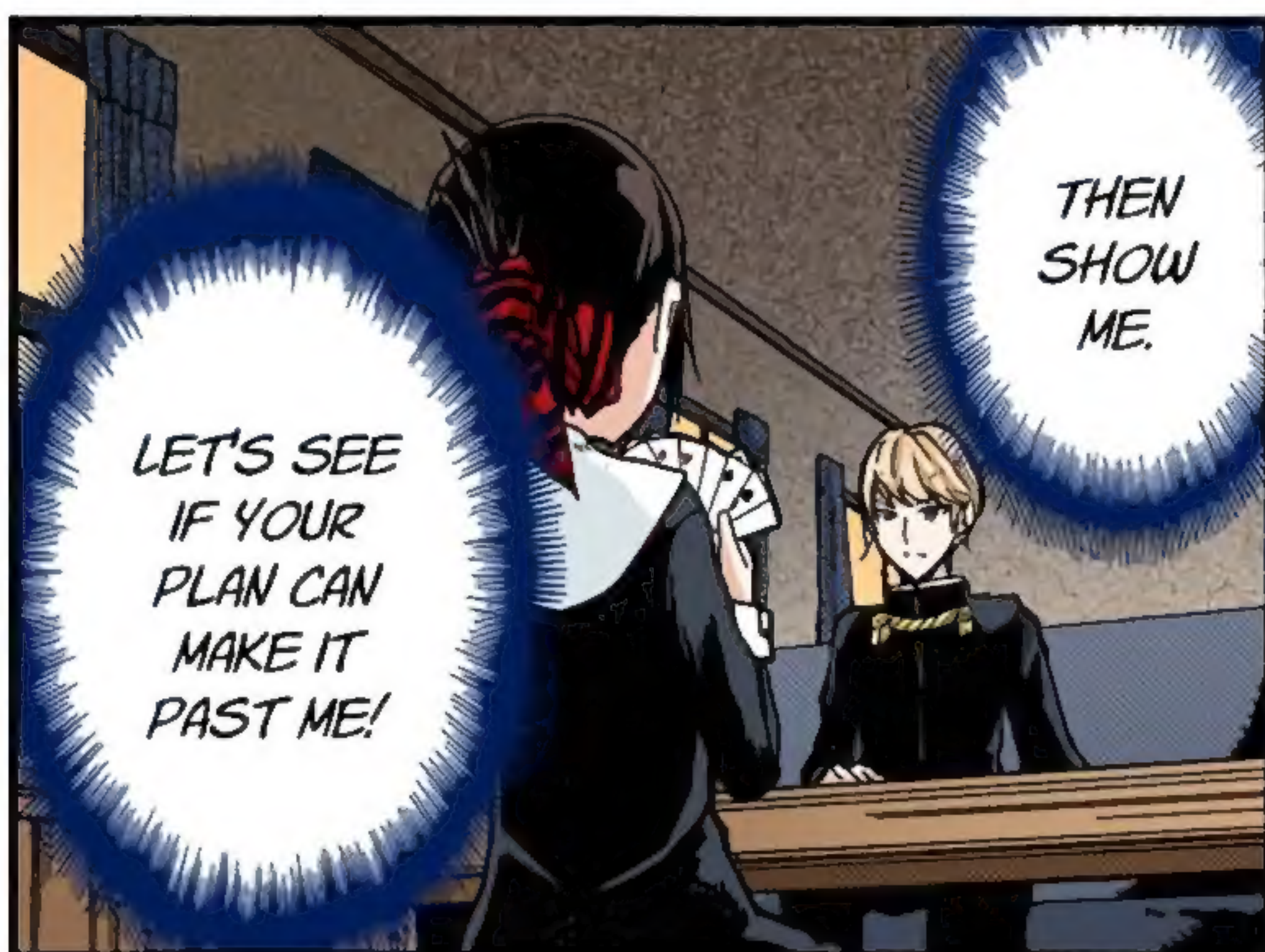
OLD MAID SUDDEN DEATH!!





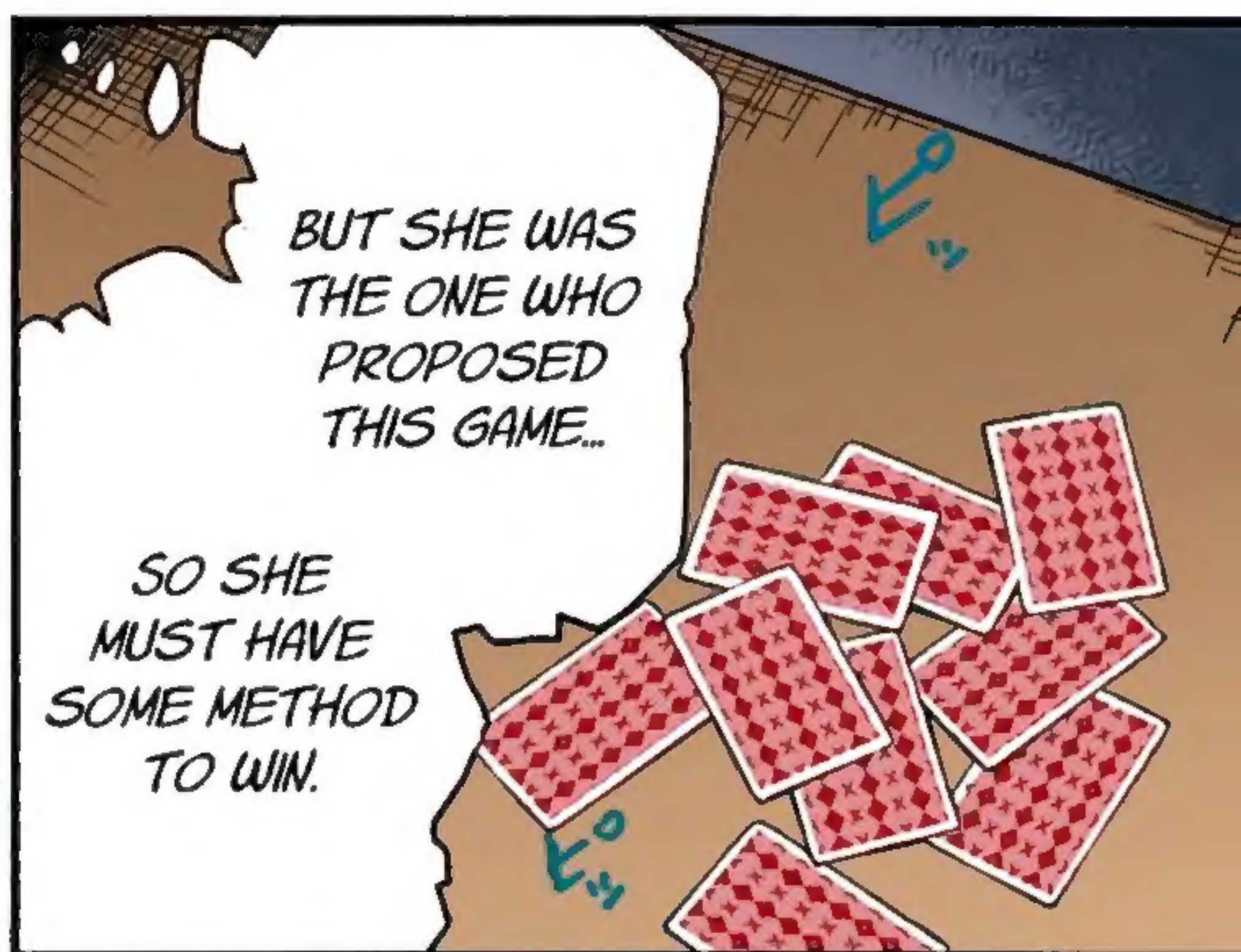
THAT'S
JUST THE
KIND OF
PERSON
SHE IS.

KAGUYA
SHINOMIYA
WILL NEVER,
EVER GO
BACK ON HER
WORD.



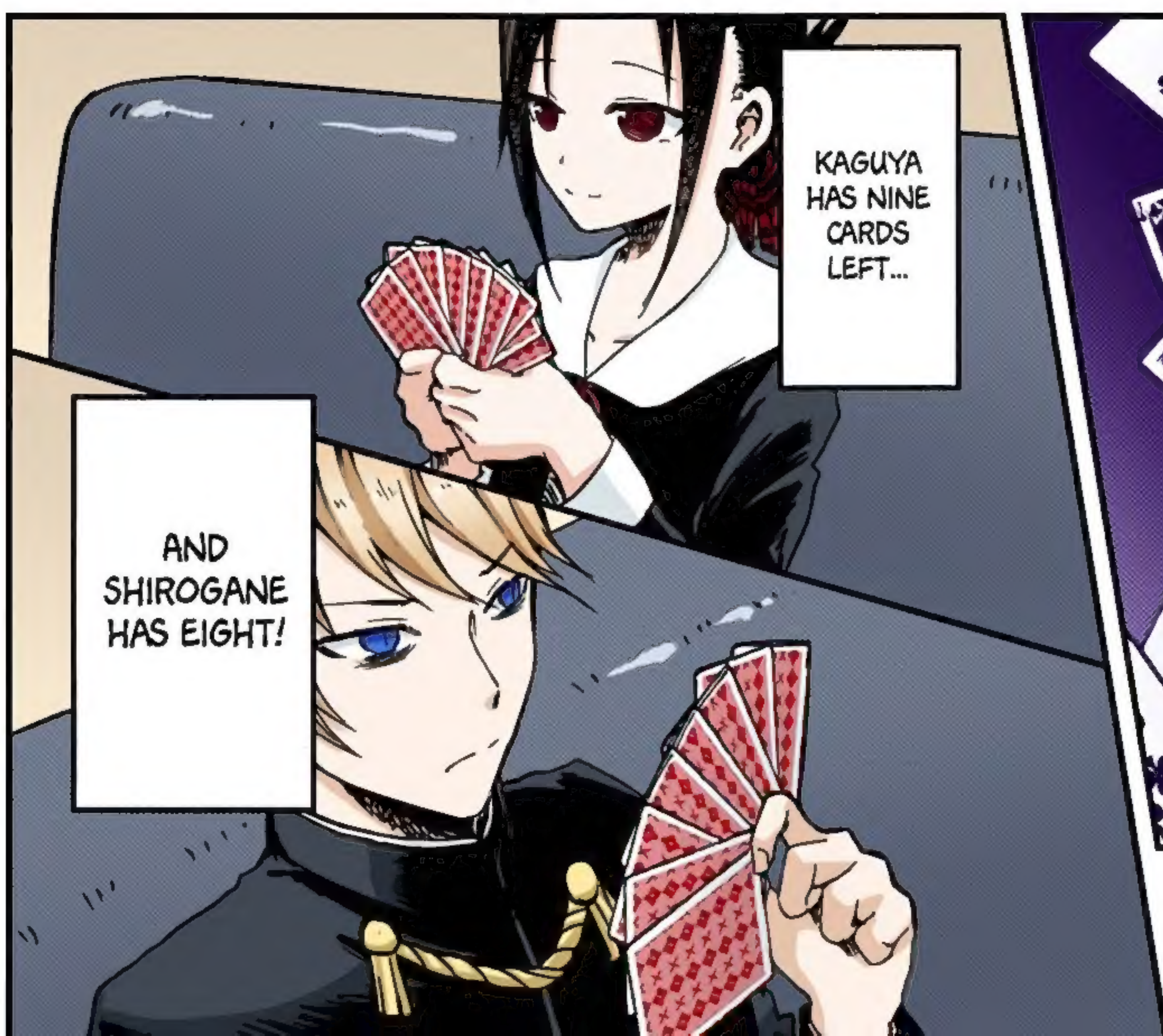
LET'S SEE
IF YOUR
PLAN CAN
MAKE IT
PAST ME!

THEN
SHOW
ME.



BUT SHE WAS
THE ONE WHO
PROPOSED
THIS GAME...

SO SHE
MUST HAVE
SOME METHOD
TO WIN.

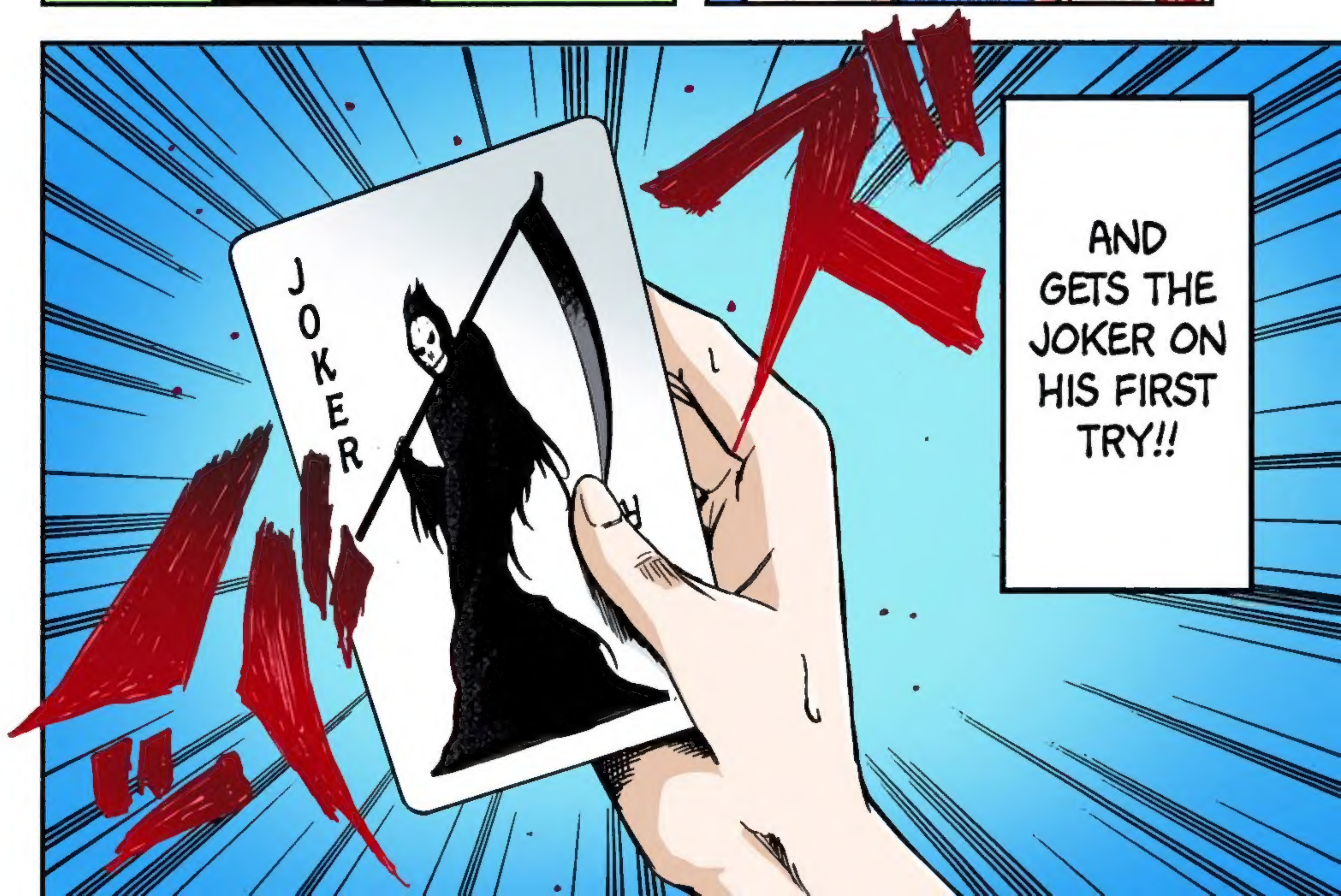
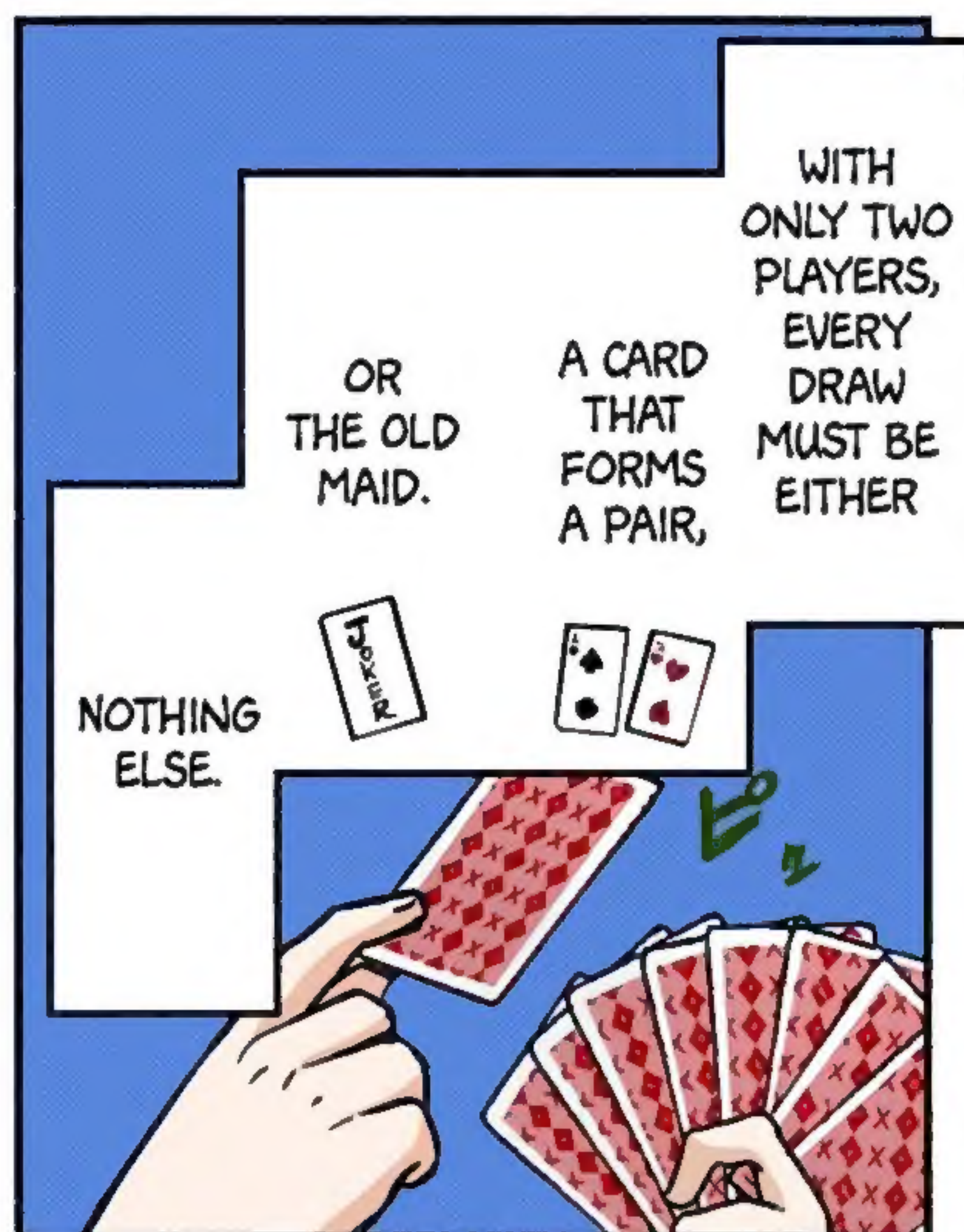
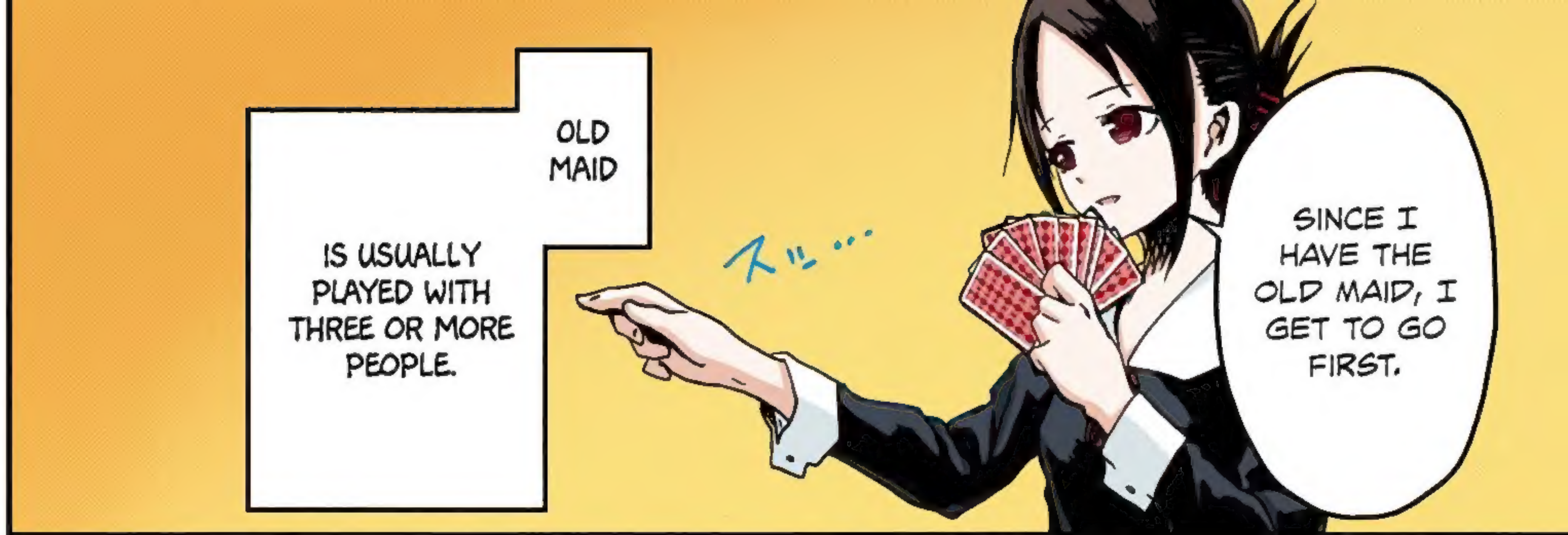


KAGUYA
HAS NINE
CARDS
LEFT...

AND
SHIROGANE
HAS EIGHT!



ALL PAIRS
THE PLAYERS
START
WITH ARE
IMMEDIATELY
DISCARDED.

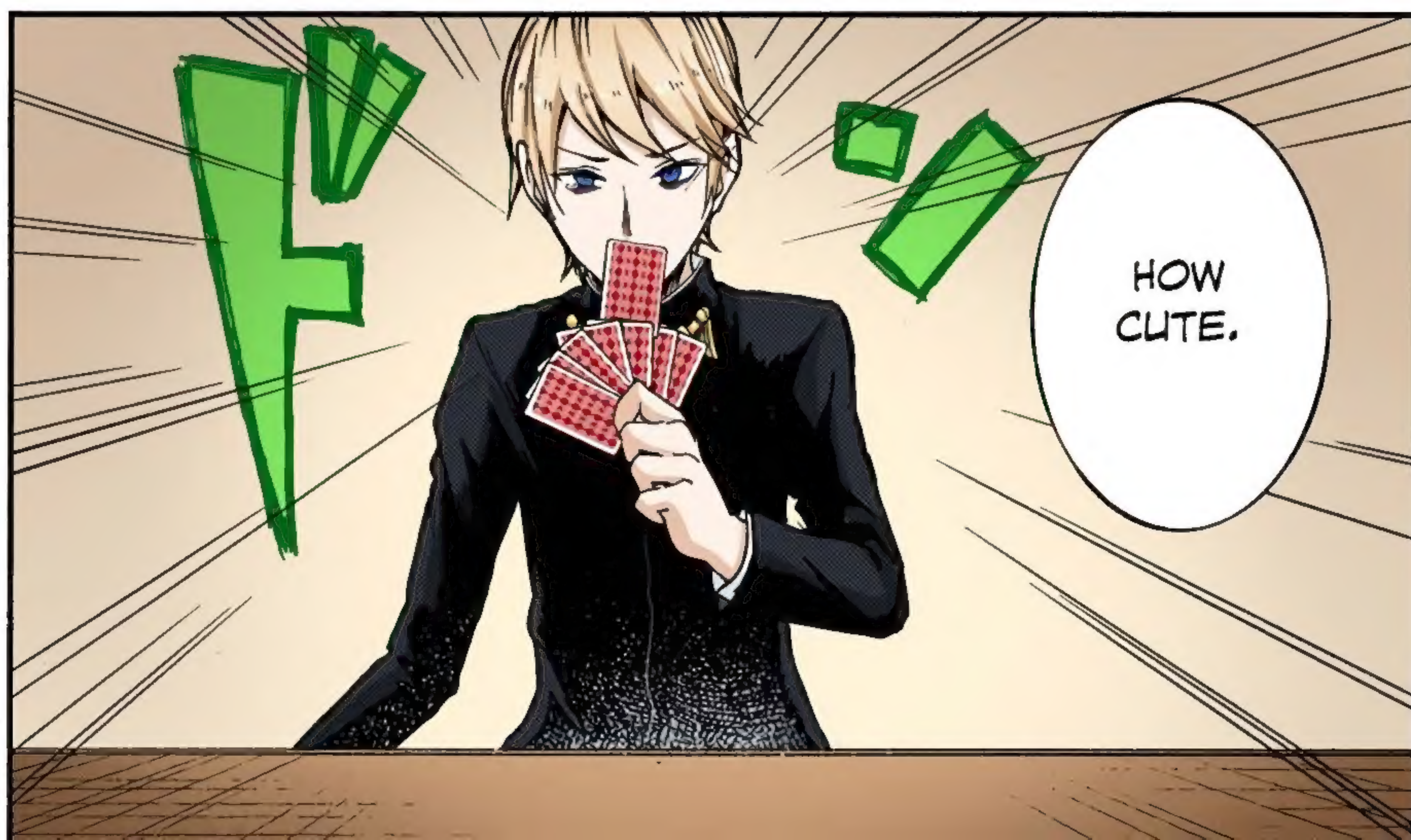
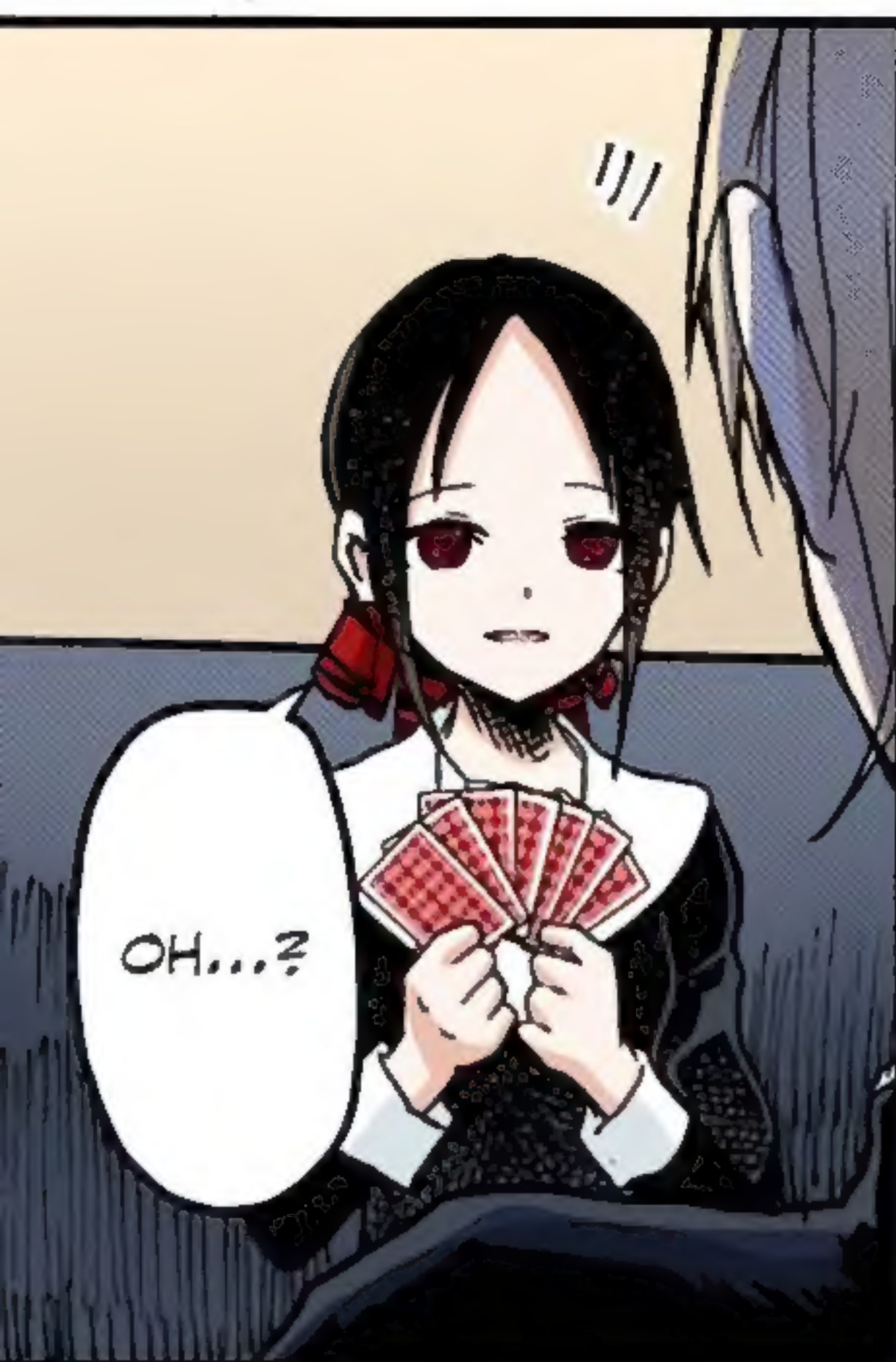


AT FIRST GLANCE,
IT WOULD SEEM
THAT ALL ONE CAN
DO IS SPREAD THE
CARDS OUT AND
HOPE TO NOT
DRAW THE OLD
MAID.

THE CHANCES OF
DRAWING THE OLD
MAID ON THE FIRST
TURN ARE LOW, SO
HE HAS BEEN
SHAKEN.

A CHILL
RUNS
DOWN HIS
SPINE!!

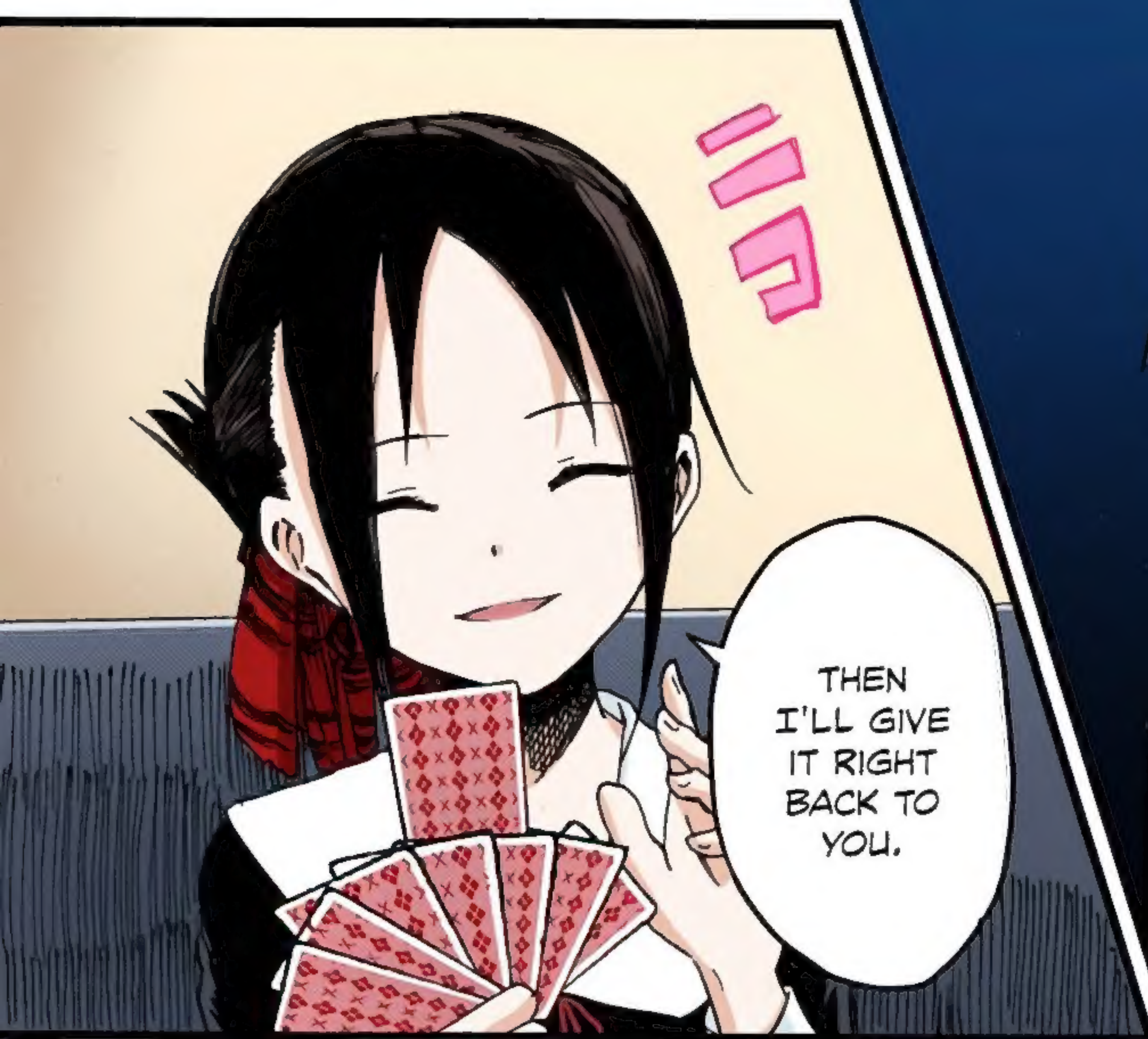
HOWEVER...!



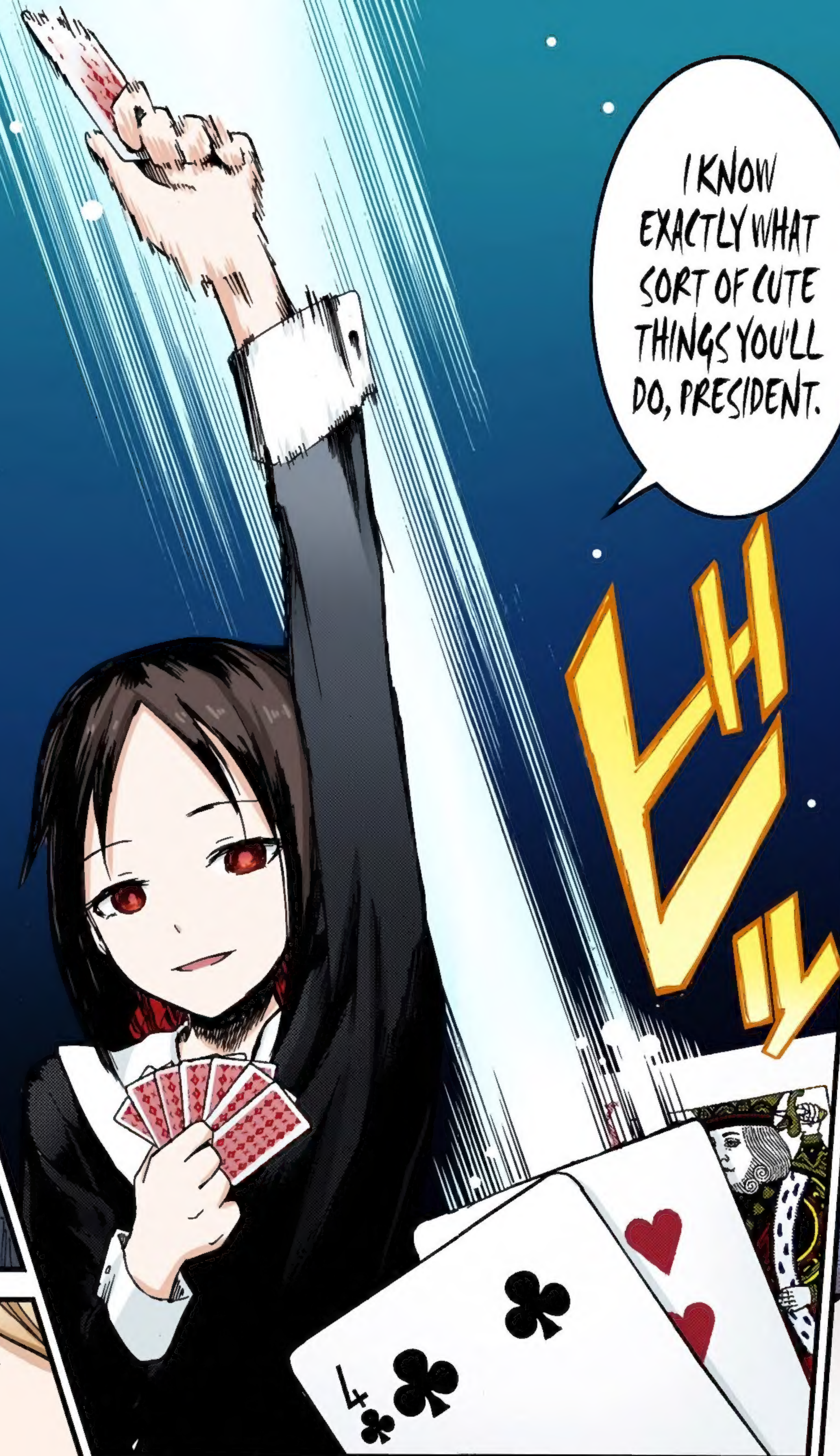
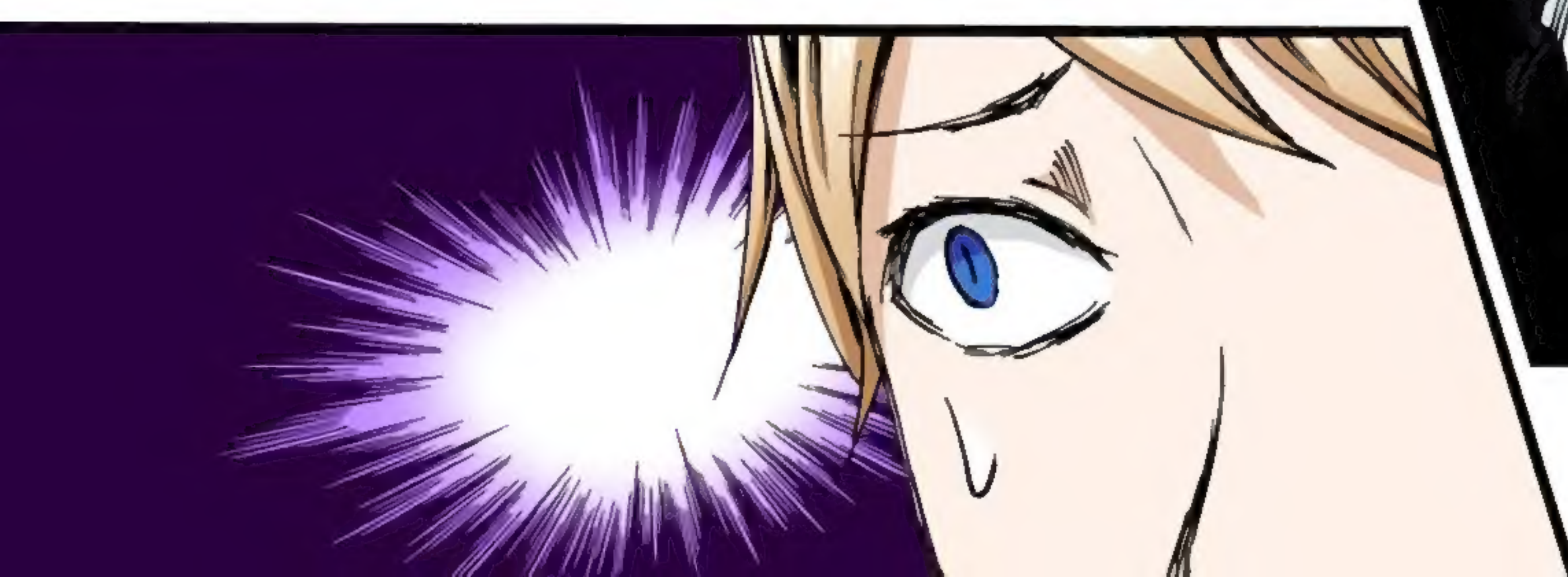


I DREW THE JOKER...

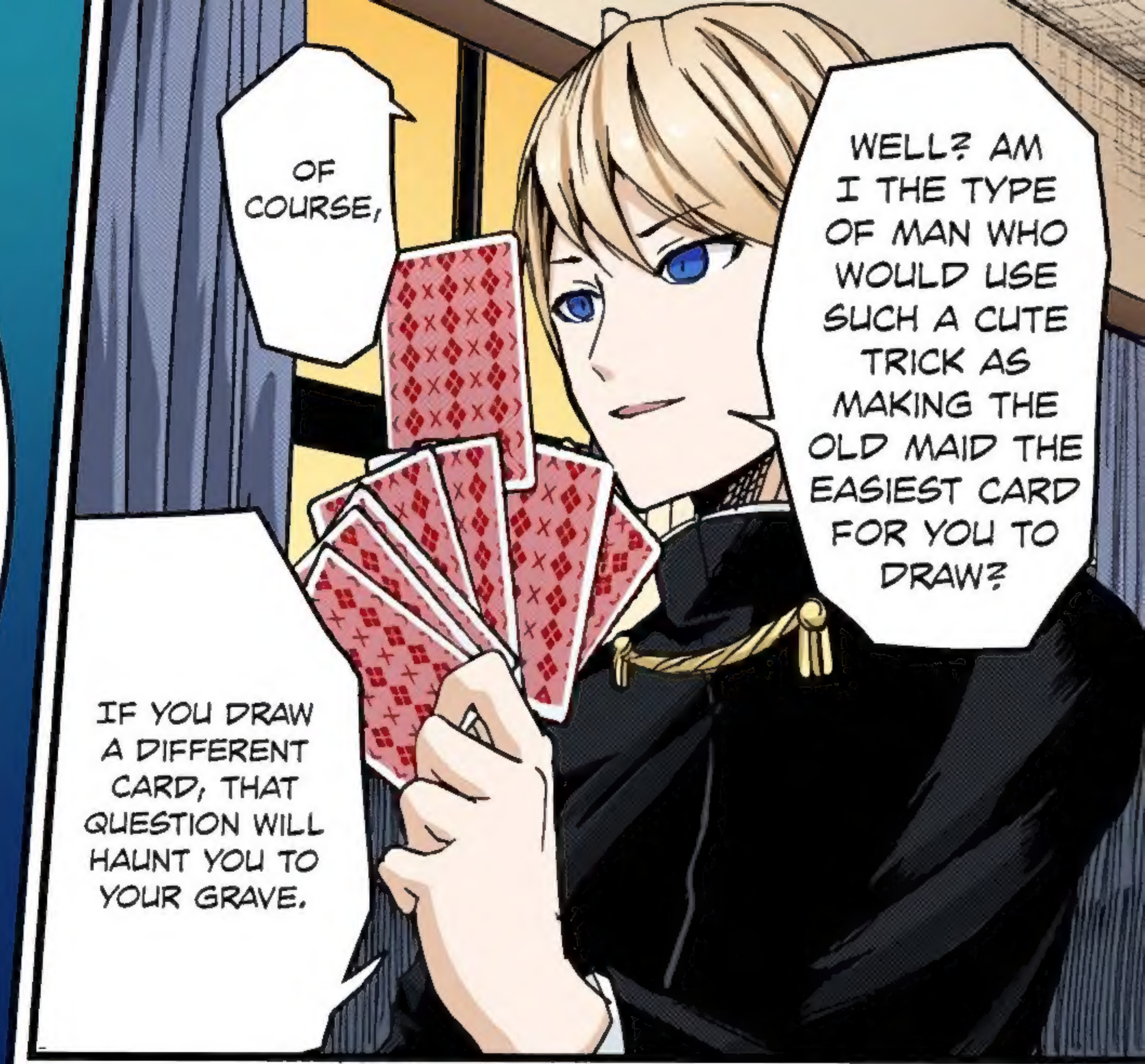
OH? TOO BAD.



THEN I'LL GIVE IT RIGHT BACK TO YOU.



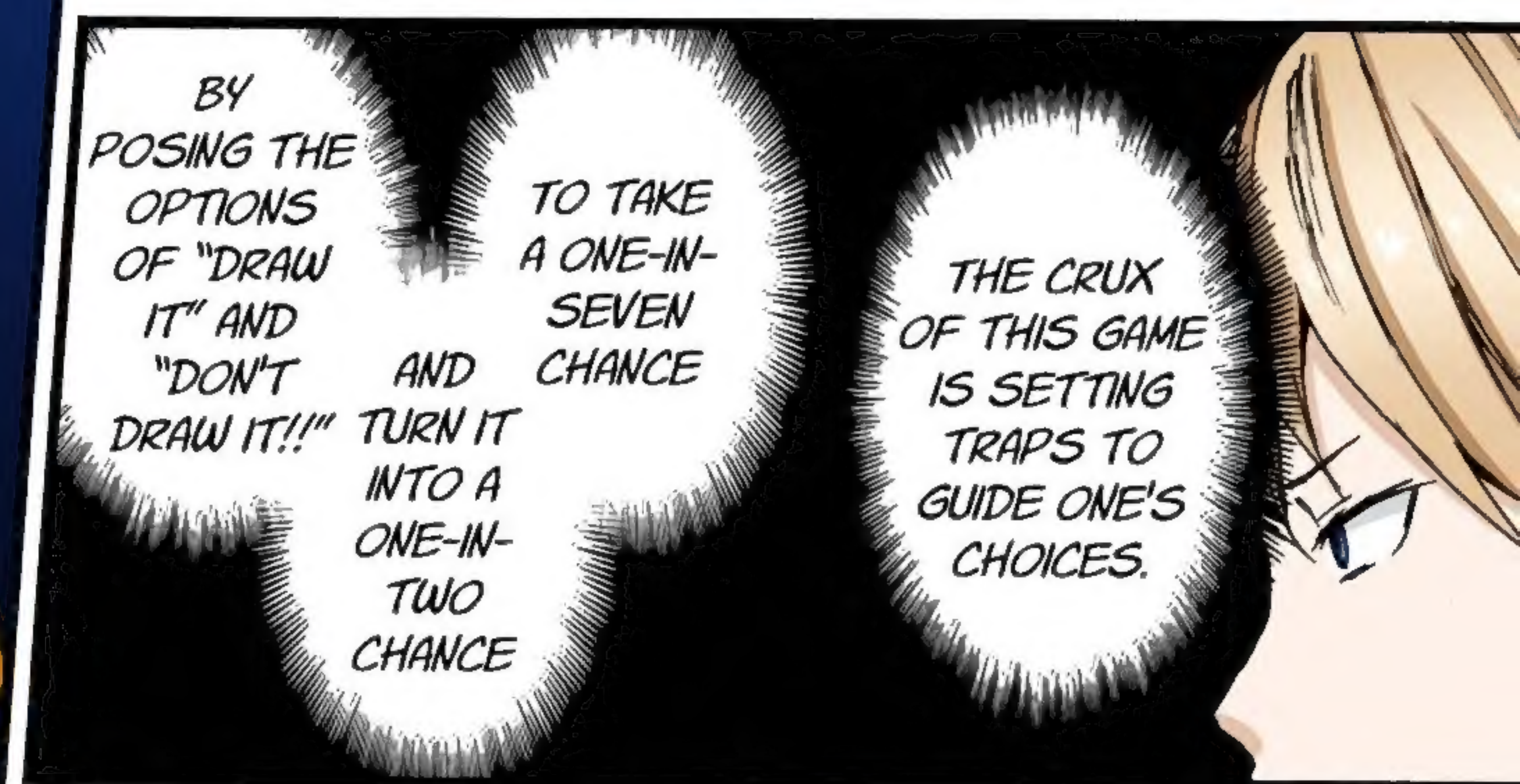
I KNOW EXACTLY WHAT SORT OF CUTE THINGS YOU'LL DO, PRESIDENT.



OF COURSE,

WELL? AM I THE TYPE OF MAN WHO WOULD USE SUCH A CUTE TRICK AS MAKING THE OLD MAID THE EASIEST CARD FOR YOU TO DRAW?

IF YOU DRAW A DIFFERENT CARD, THAT QUESTION WILL HAUNT YOU TO YOUR GRAVE.



BY POSING THE OPTIONS OF "DRAW IT" AND "DON'T DRAW IT!!"

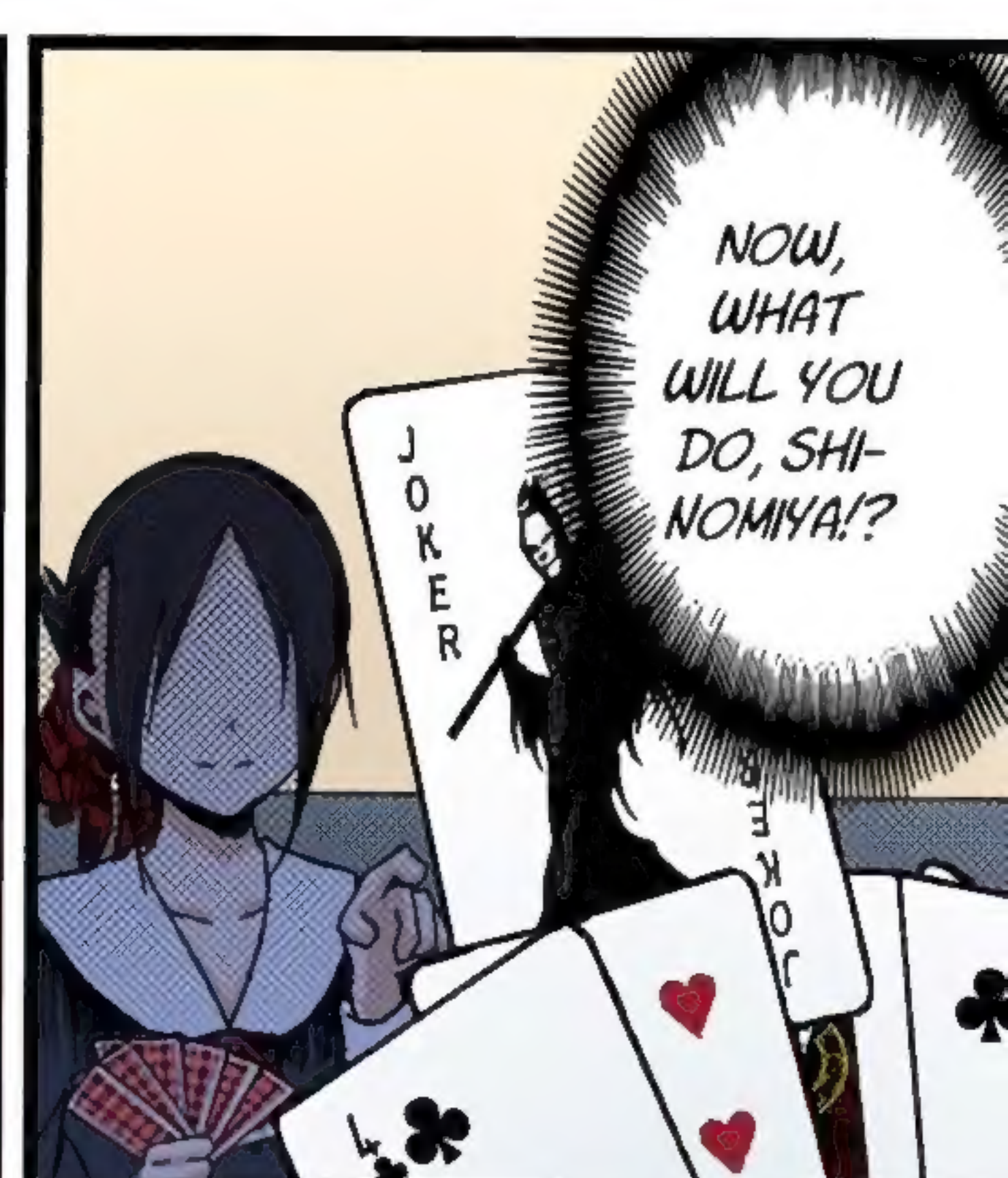
AND TURN IT INTO A ONE-IN-TWO CHANCE

TO TAKE A ONE-IN-SEVEN CHANCE

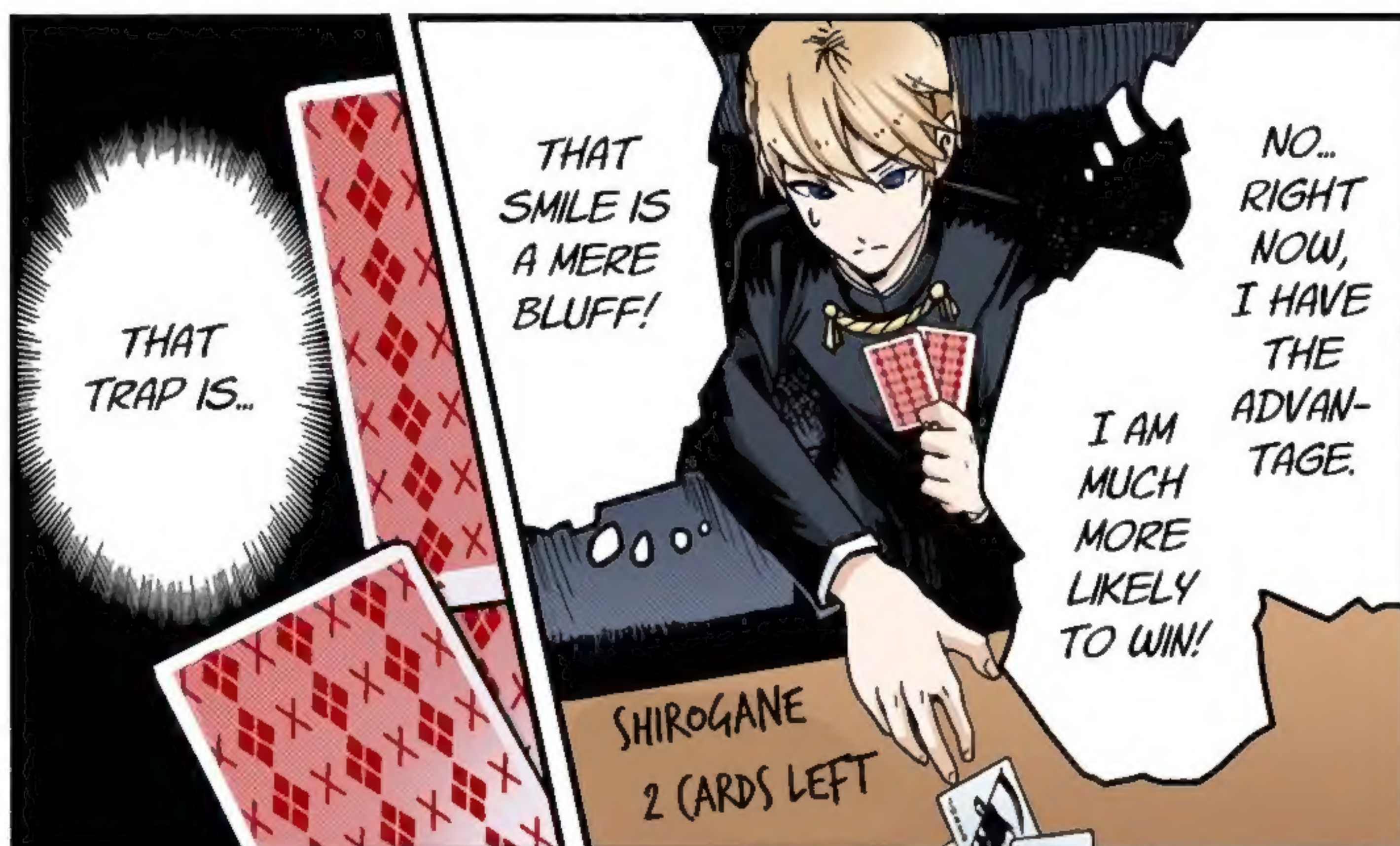
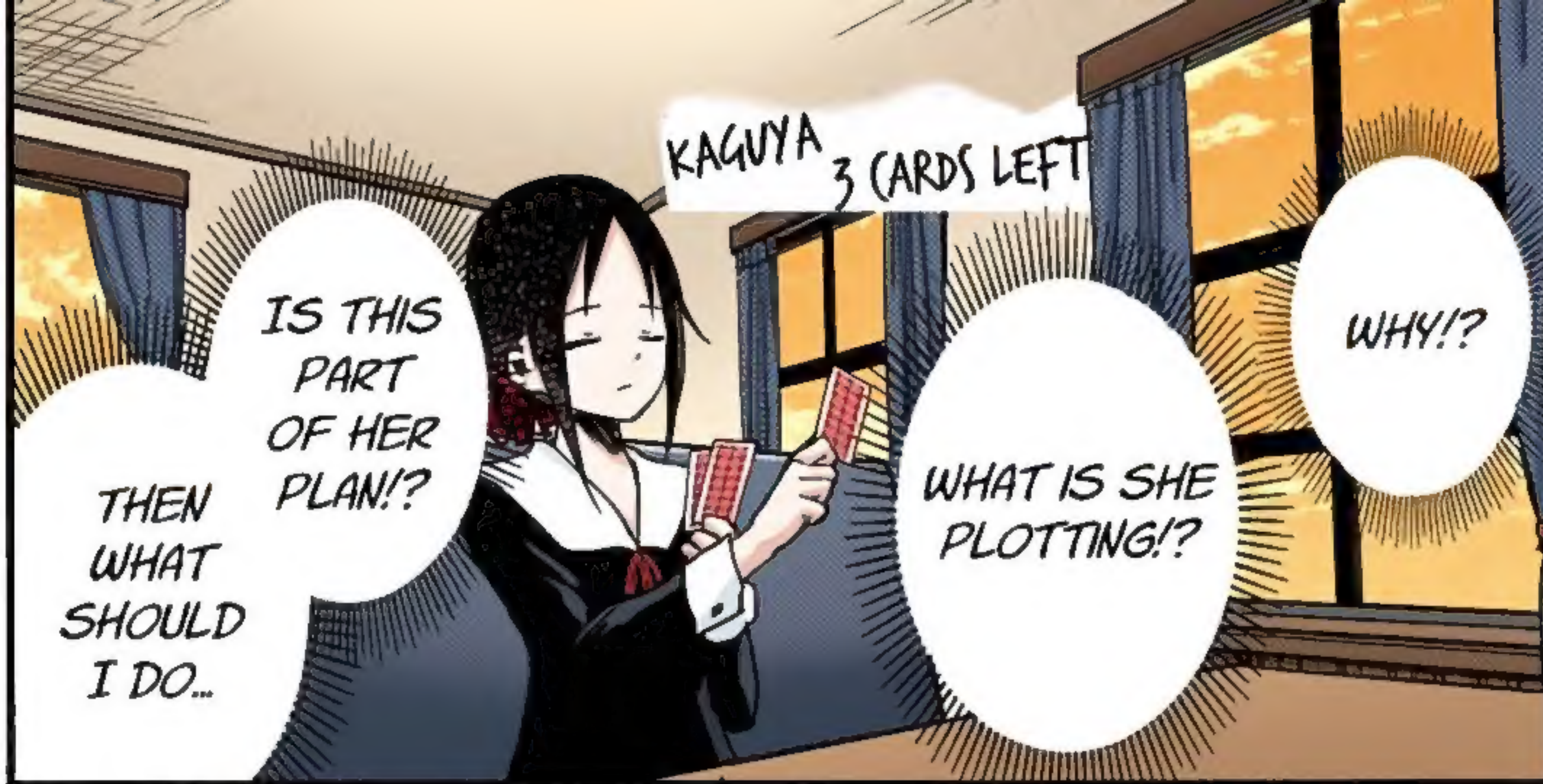
THE CRUX OF THIS GAME IS SETTING TRAPS TO GUIDE ONE'S CHOICES.



OH, I ALREADY KNOW.



NOW, WHAT WILL YOU DO, SHI-NOMIYA!?



A
"GENTLE-
MANLY
REQUEST?"



WHAT
EXACTLY
IS

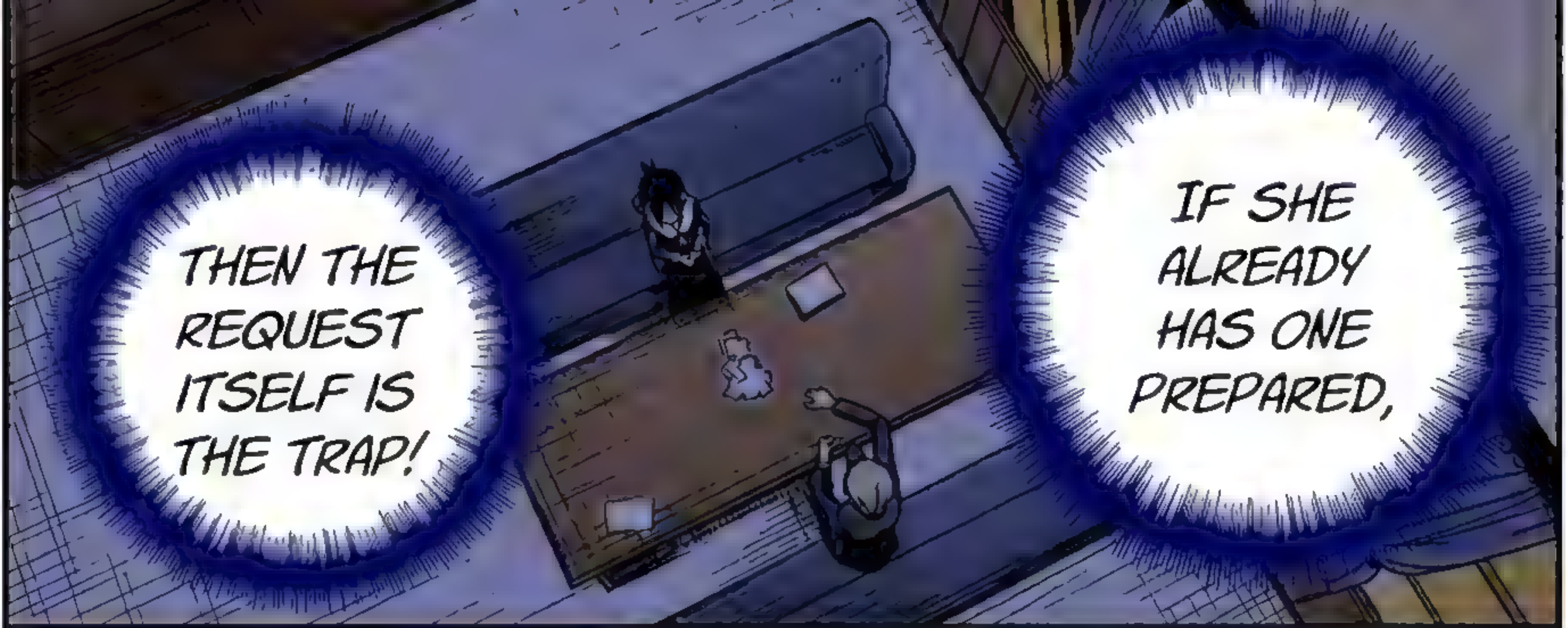
IT SEEMS LIKE
ANYTHING WILL
DO AT FIRST,
BUT IT'S
REALLY FAR
TOO GREAT A
RESTRICTION!



WHO
GETS TO
DEFINE
THAT?

THAT MEANS
THAT I HAVE
TO TAKE
WHATEVER IS
HAPPENING
AT THE TIME
INTO ACCOUNT
WHEN MAKING
THE REQUEST.

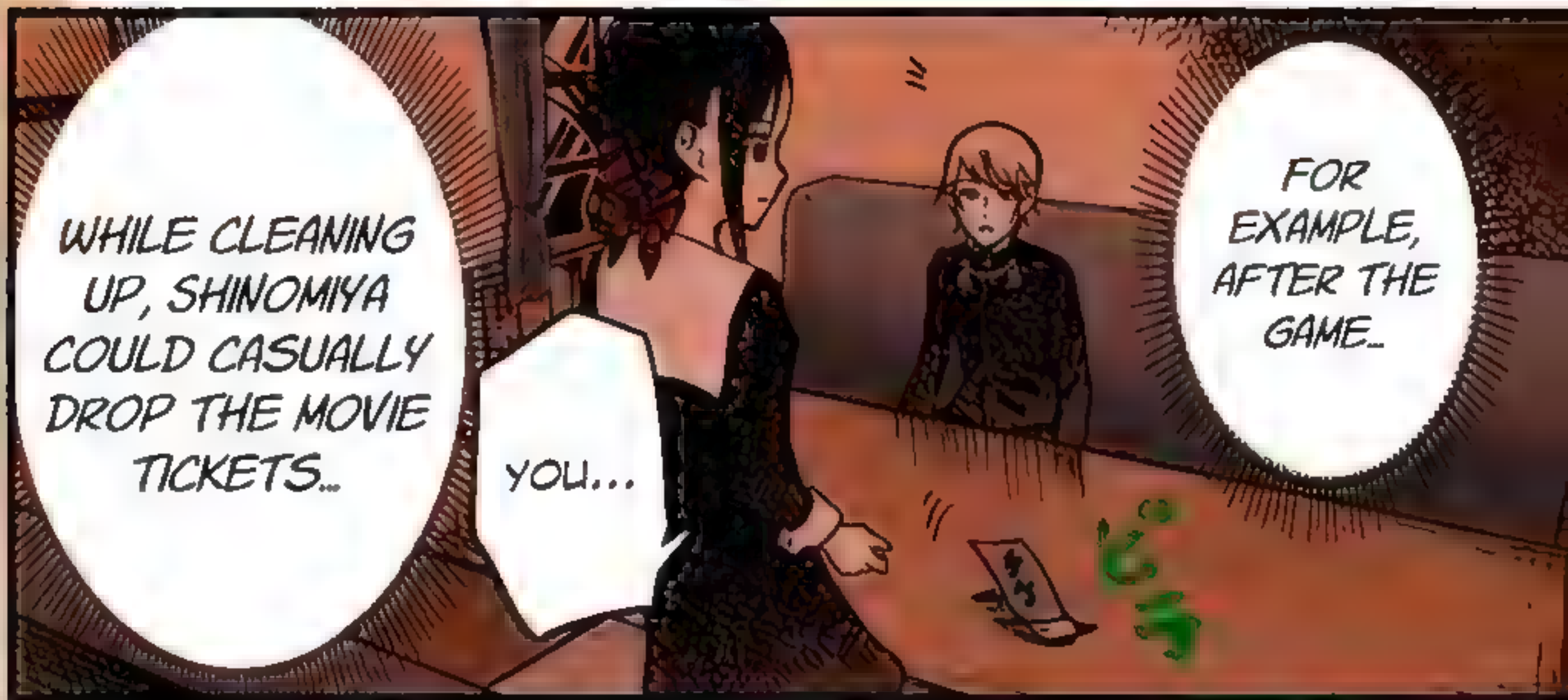
IT
HASN'T
BEEN
DEFINED
AT ALL!



THEN THE
REQUEST
ITSELF IS
THE TRAP!

IF SHE
ALREADY
HAS ONE
PREPARED,

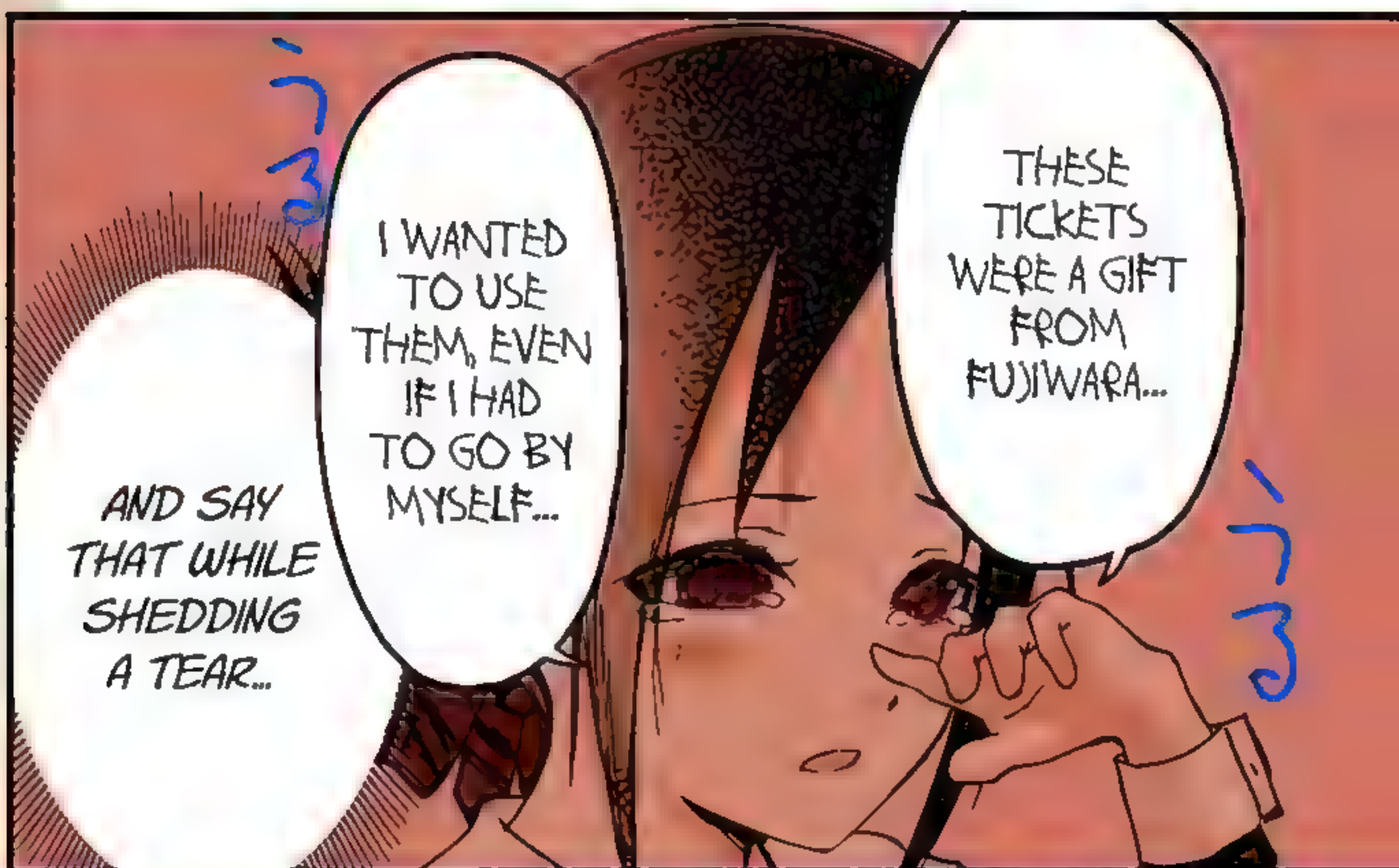
HE'S
ACTING
STRANGE...



WHILE CLEANING
UP, SHINOMIYA
COULD CASUALLY
DROP THE MOVIE
TICKETS...

YOU...

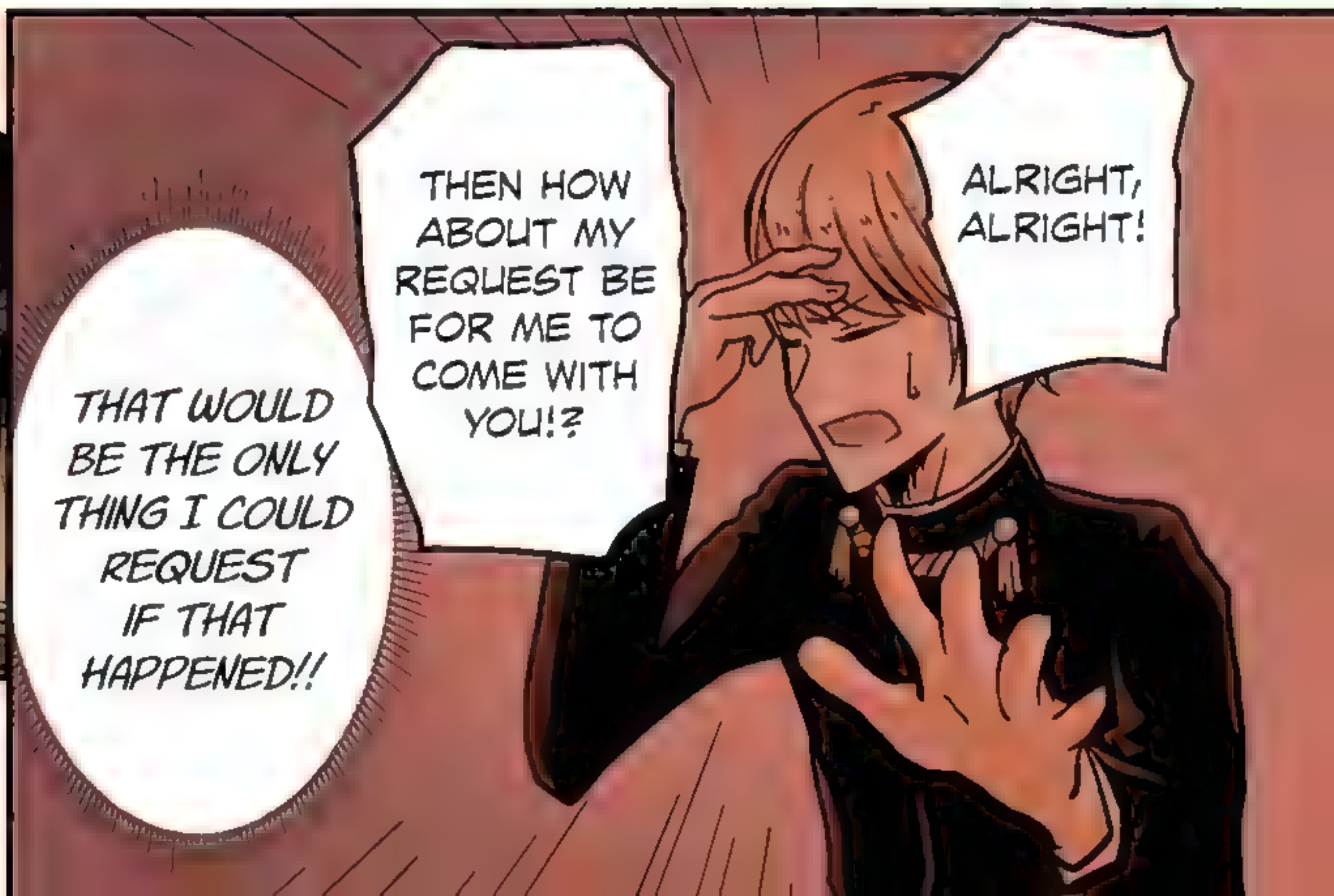
FOR
EXAMPLE,
AFTER THE
GAME...



AND SAY
THAT WHILE
SHEDDING
A TEAR...

I WANTED
TO USE
THEM, EVEN
IF I HAD
TO GO BY
MYSELF...


THESE
TICKETS
WERE A GIFT
FROM
FUJIWARA...



THAT WOULD
BE THE ONLY
THING I COULD
REQUEST
IF THAT
HAPPENED!!

THEN HOW
ABOUT MY
REQUEST BE
FOR ME TO
COME WITH
YOU!?

ALRIGHT,
ALRIGHT!

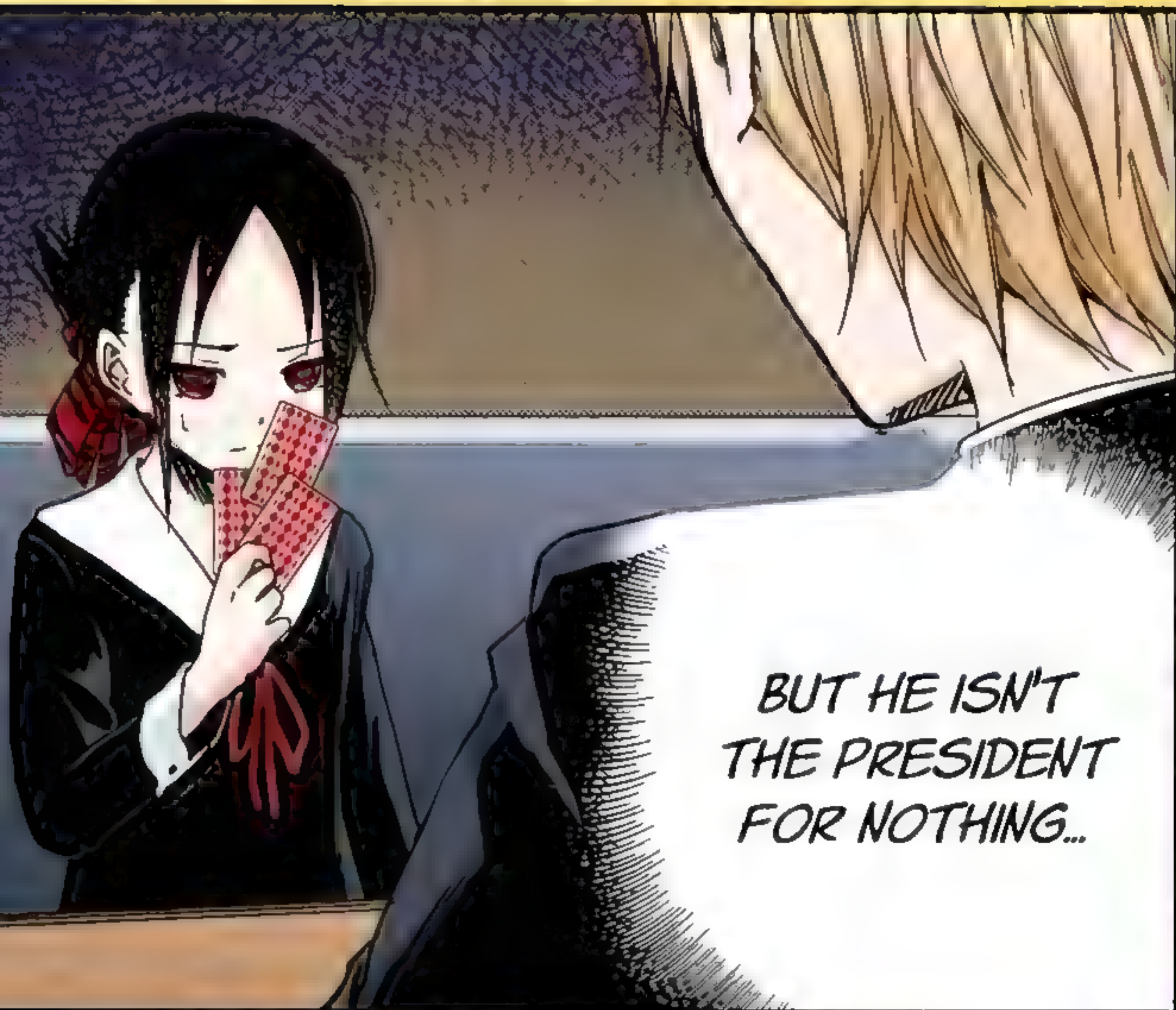


SHIROGANE'S
BASIC IDEA WAS
COMPLETELY
CORRECT!!

THOUGH A
FEW TRIVIAL
DETAILS
WERE OFF,

HAS HE
ALREADY
FIGURED OUT
WHAT I'M
AFTER!?

HER GOAL WAS TO THROW THE
GAME AND CONTROL WHAT
HIS REQUEST WOULD BE!!



AGAINST
ORDINARY
MEN, IT
WORKED
EVERY
TIME.

GRABBING HOLD
OF PEOPLE'S
HEARTS AND
CONTROLLING
THEIR THOUGHTS
WAS SHINOMIYA'S
SIGNATURE
TACTIC...



THEN...

THEN...

IF HE'S REALIZED
THAT MY PLAN IS
TO HAVE HIM INVITE
ME TO THE MOVIE,

THIS
IS BAD...



...AND THINK
THAT I WANT
TO GO SEE
THE MOVIE
WITH HIM!!

THEN
HE...

...MIGHT
GET THE
WRONG
IDEA...



IT'S NOT
LIKE I LIKE
HIM OR
ANYTHING!!



THIS IS ME
OFFERING
HIM A CHANCE
TO DO
SOMETHING
HIS PRIDE
WOULD NEVER
LET HIM DO!

THAT'S
WRONG!

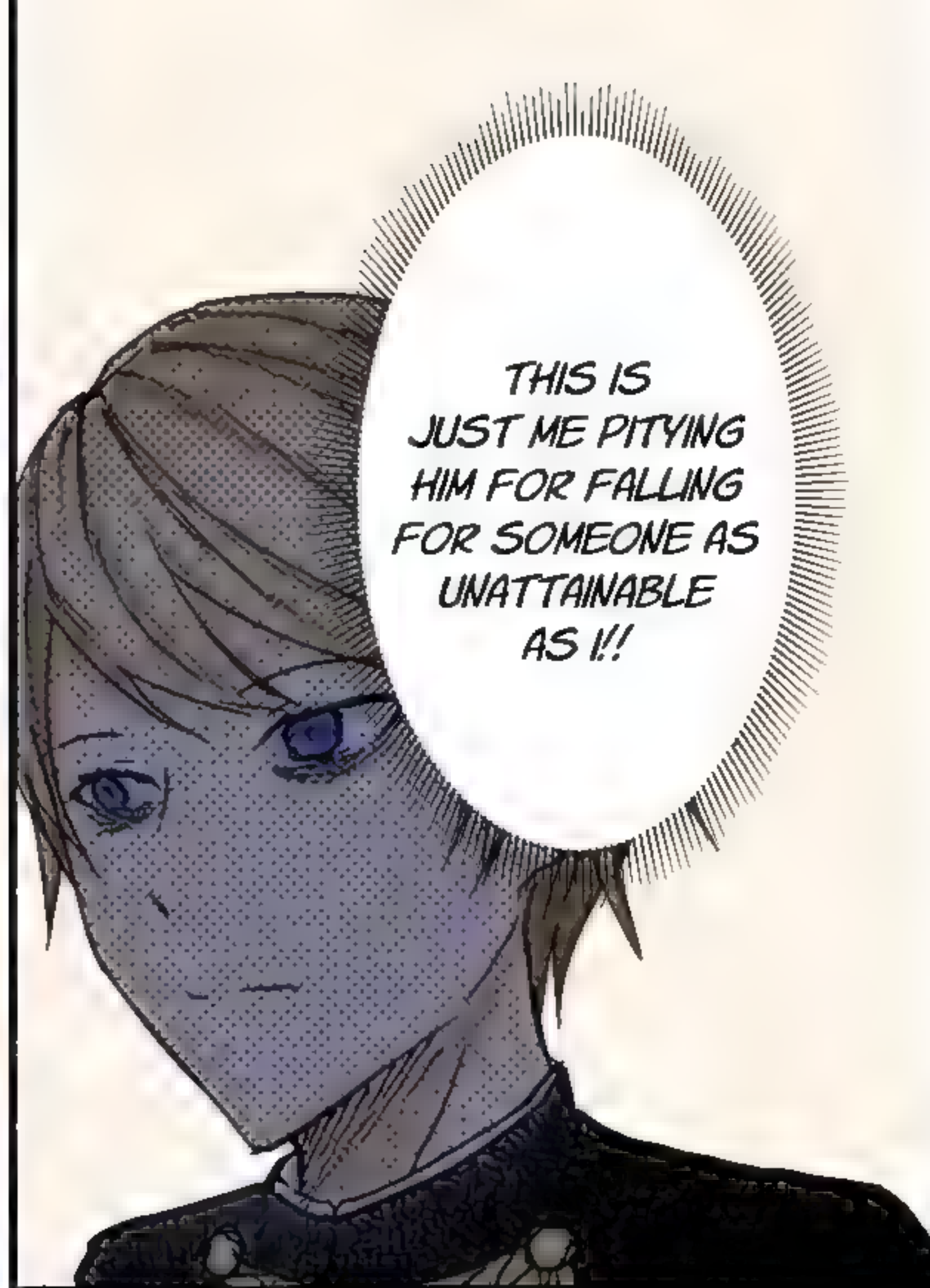
I JUST WANT
TO LET HIM
INVITE ME
TO SEE IT
WITH HIM!



SO MAKE
THE LAST
PAIR AND
FINISH THIS!



THAT'S IT!
THIS IS MY
KINDNESS!

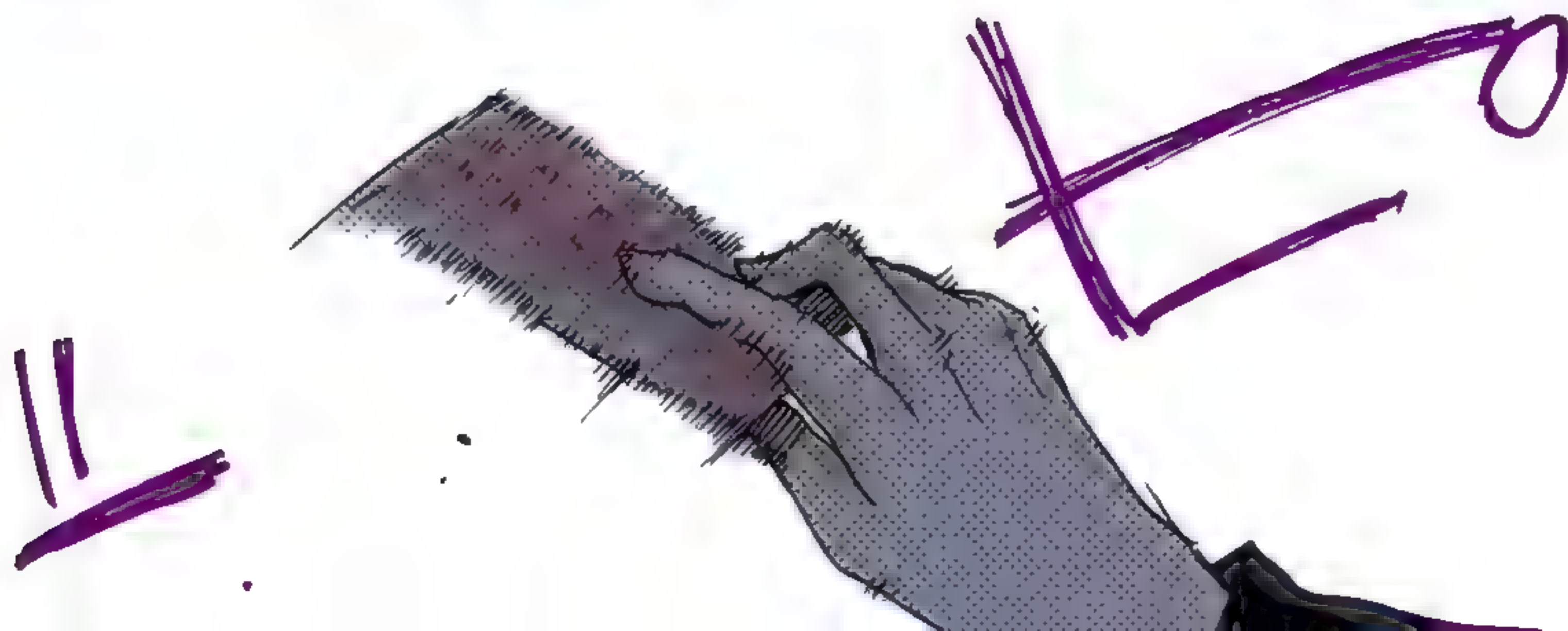


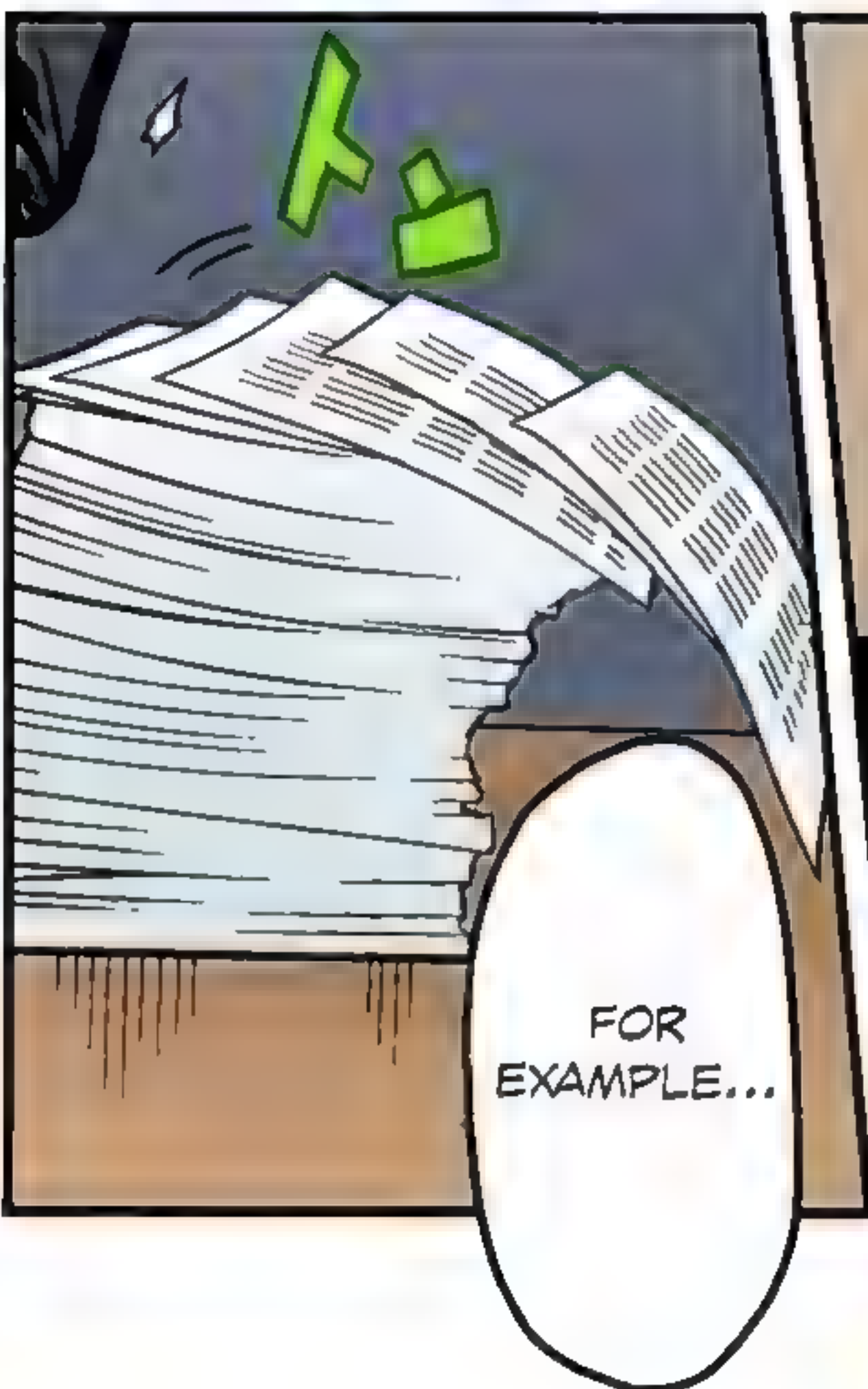
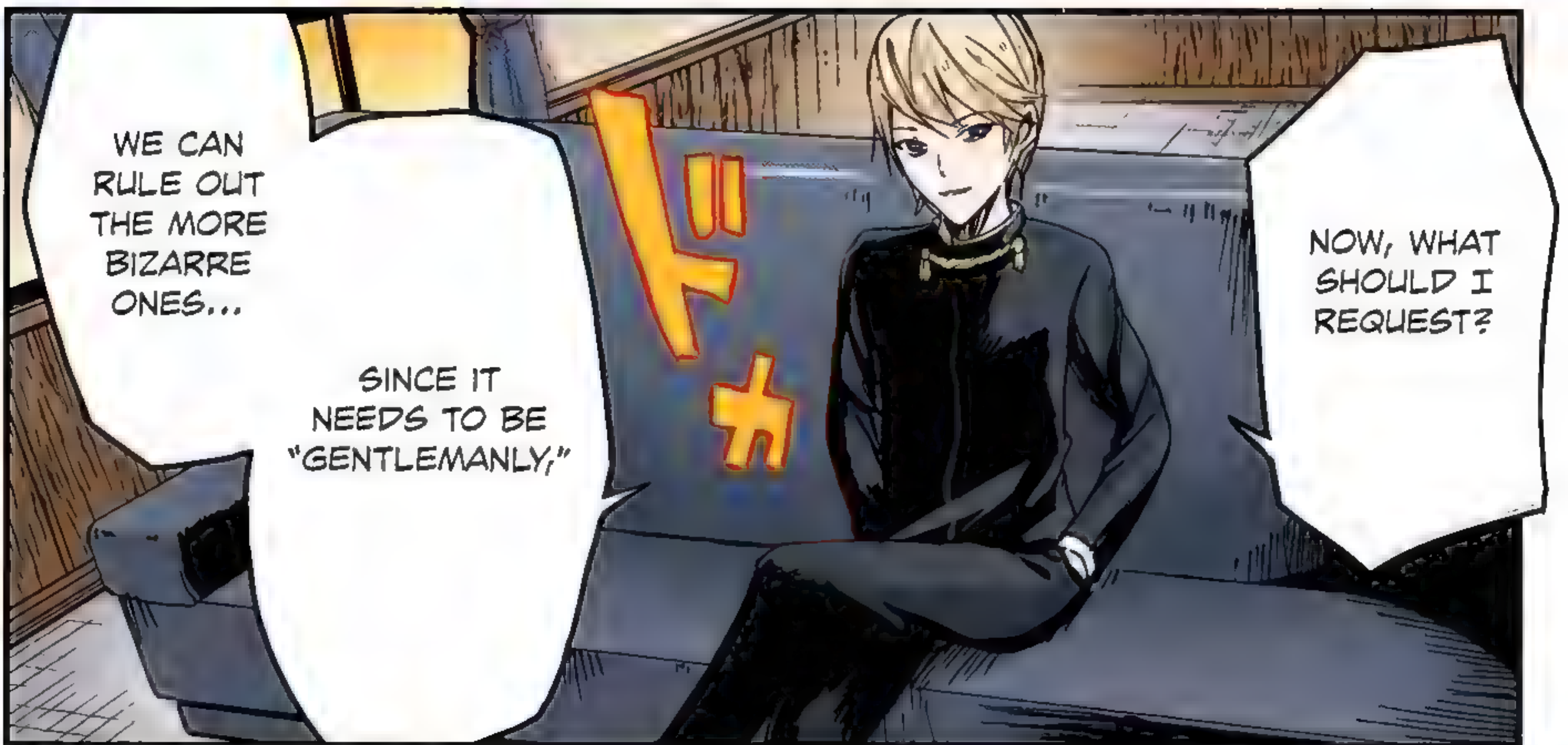
THIS IS
JUST ME PITTING
HIM FOR FALLING
FOR SOMEONE AS
UNATTAINABLE
AS I!!

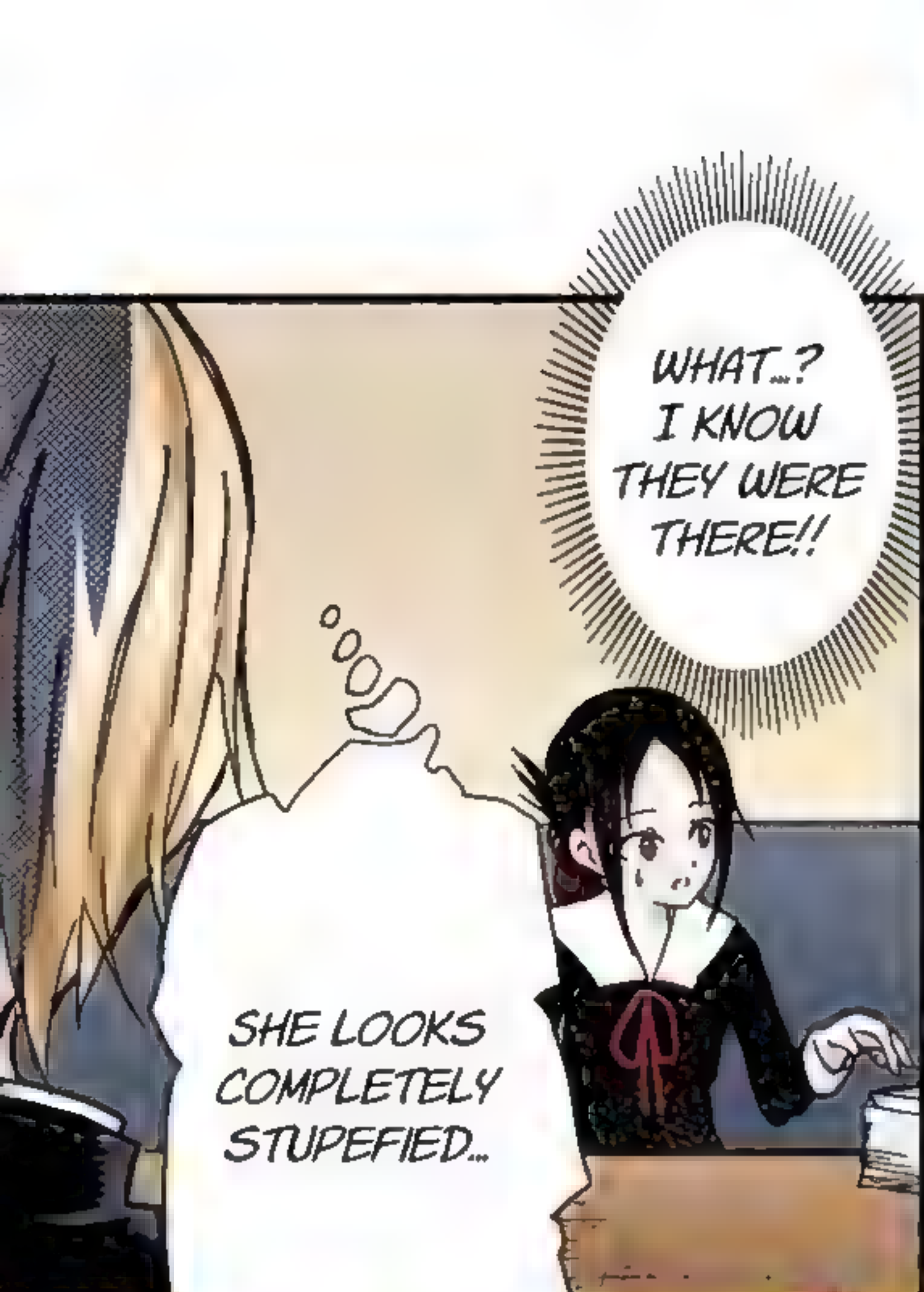


AND
REQUEST
TO TAKE ME
TO THE
MOVIE!!

AND THEN
LOWER
YOUR HEAD
BEFORE ME



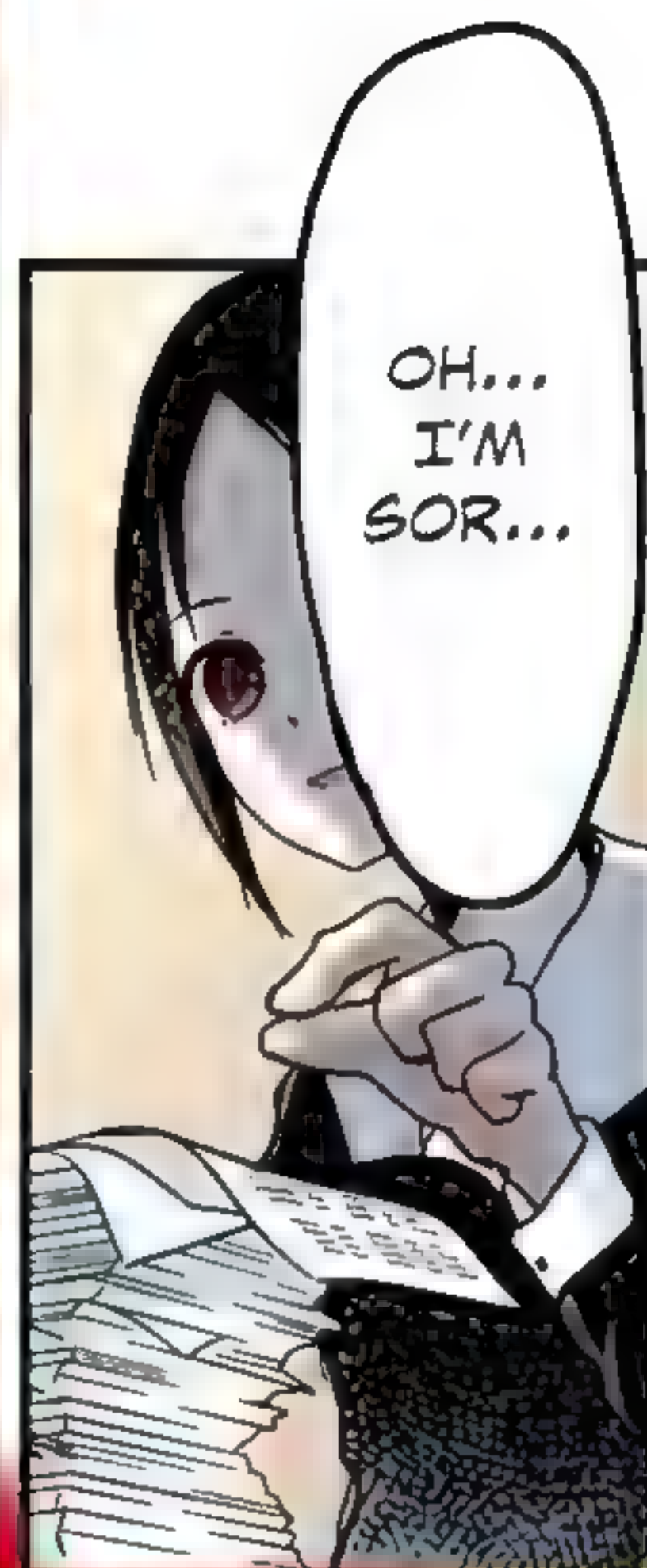




WHAT...?
I KNOW
THEY WERE
THERE!!



THEY'RE
GONE!?



OH...
I'M
SOR...



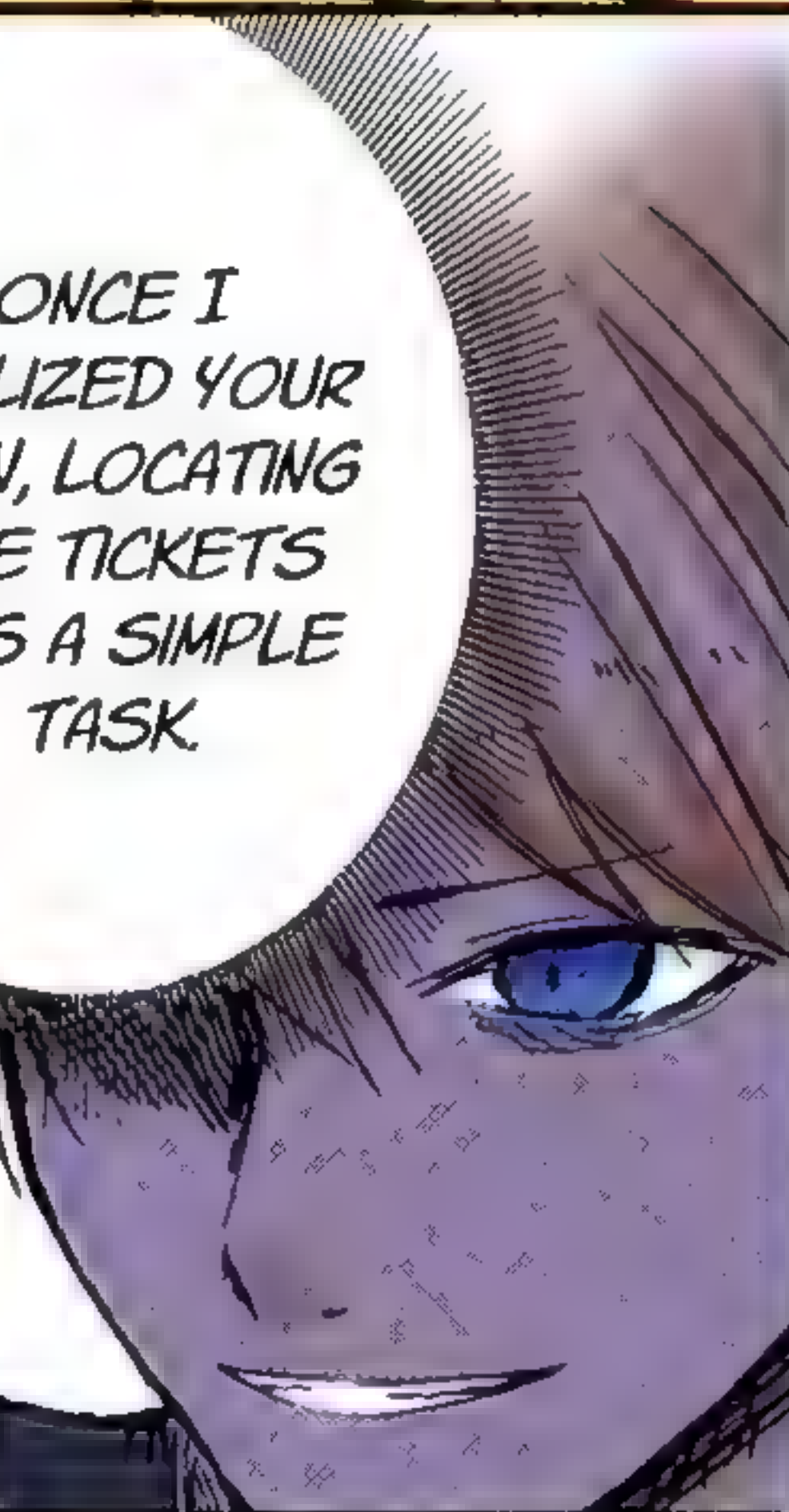
YOU HAVE TOO
MANY OPENINGS,
SHINOMIYA!!



I NO
LONGER
HAVE ANY
REASON
TO GO
WITH YOU
TO THE...

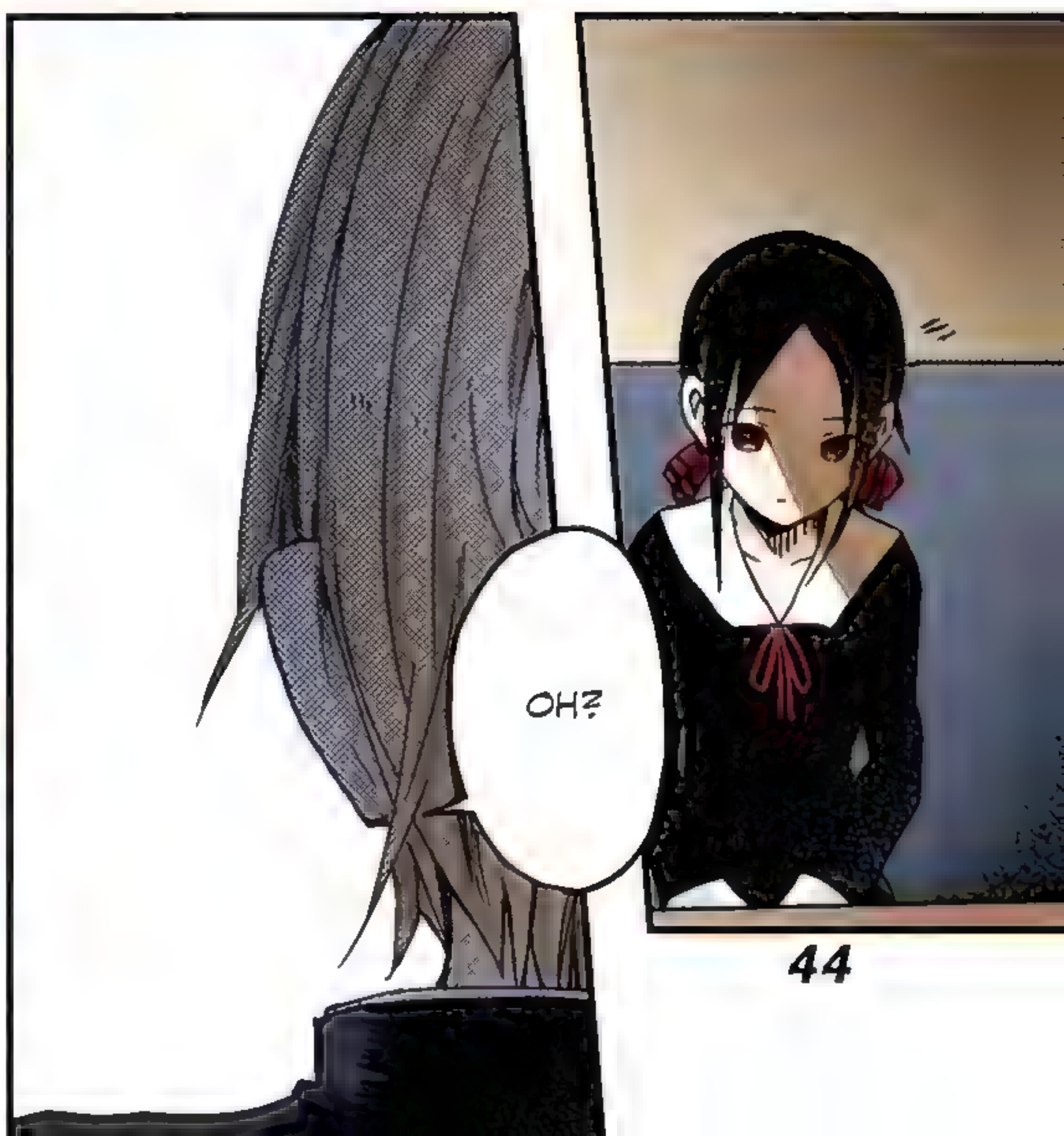
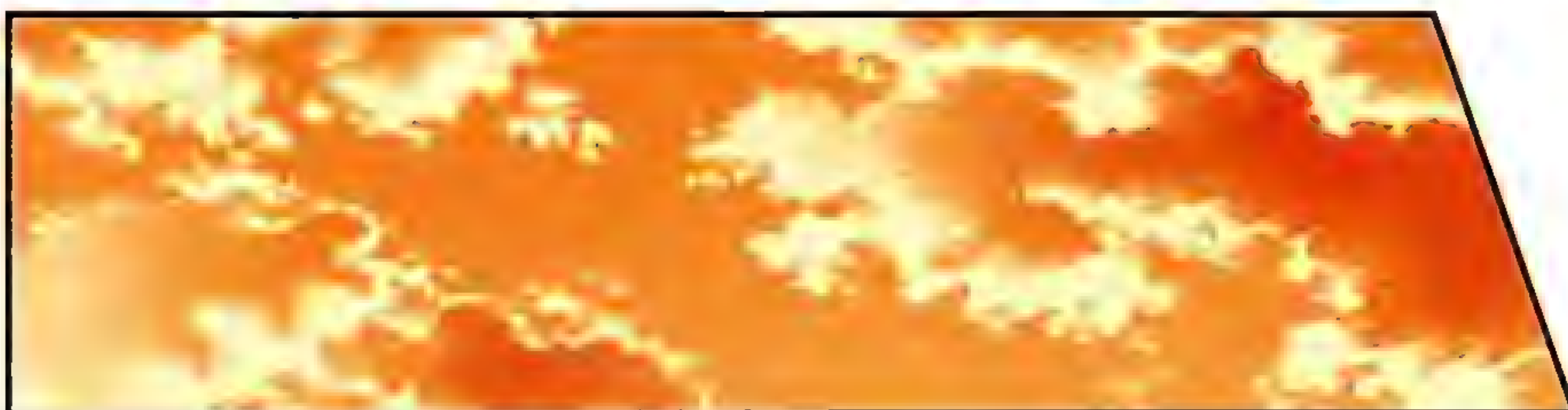


NOW I DON'T
NEED MY
REQUEST TO
BE TO INVITE
YOU TO THE
MOVIE!!



ONCE I
REALIZED YOUR
PLAN, LOCATING
THE TICKETS
WAS A SIMPLE
TASK.

TO
THE...





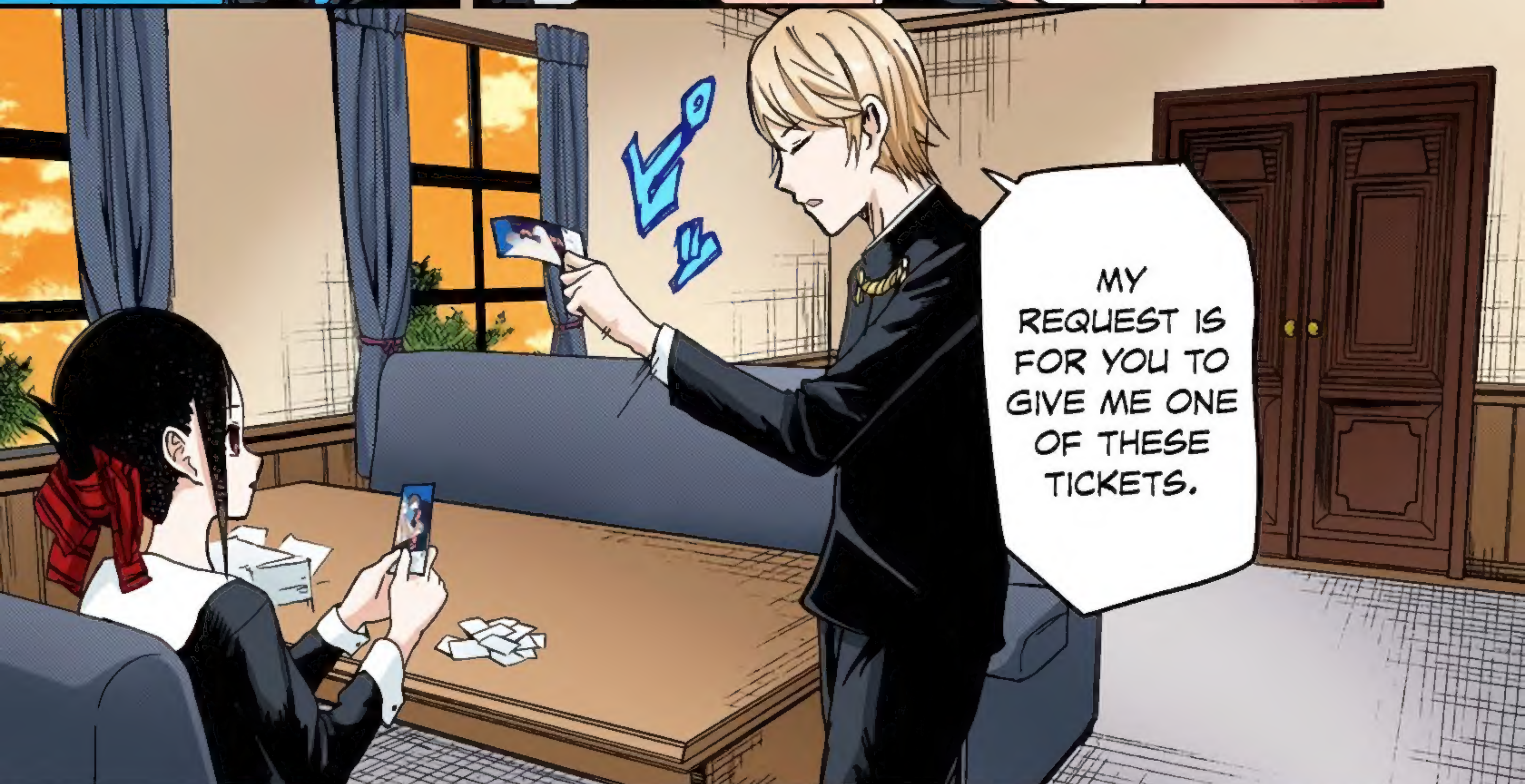
HMM...
THAT
SHOULD
DO IT.



HUH...?

THESE WERE
A GIFT TO
YOU FROM
FUJIWARA,
WEREN'T
THEY?

YOU
SHOULD
BE MORE
CAREFUL
WITH THEM.



MY
REQUEST IS
FOR YOU TO
GIVE ME ONE
OF THESE
TICKETS.



YOU'RE FREE
TO USE THE
OTHER ONE
HOWEVER YOU
PLEASE.

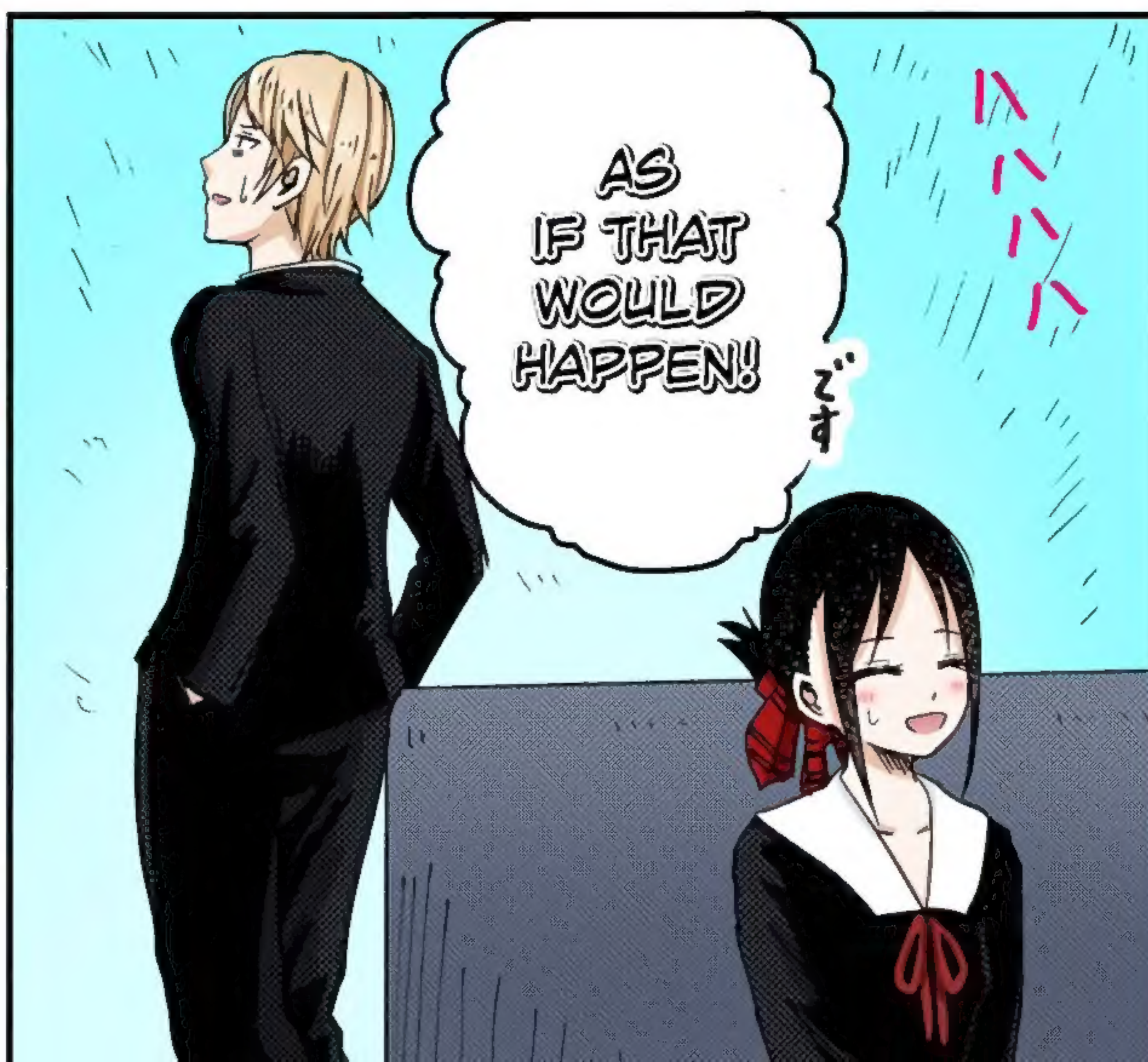
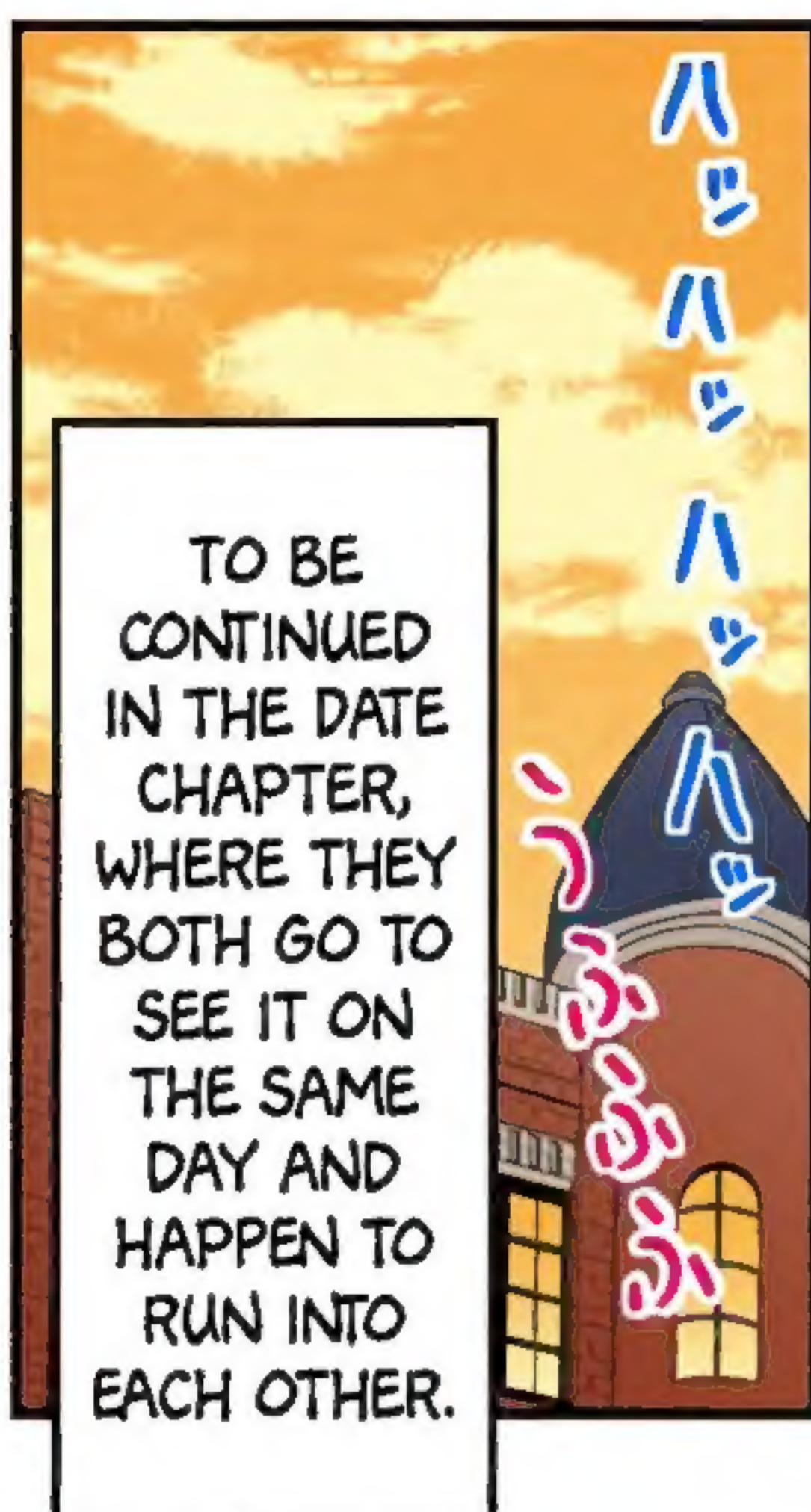
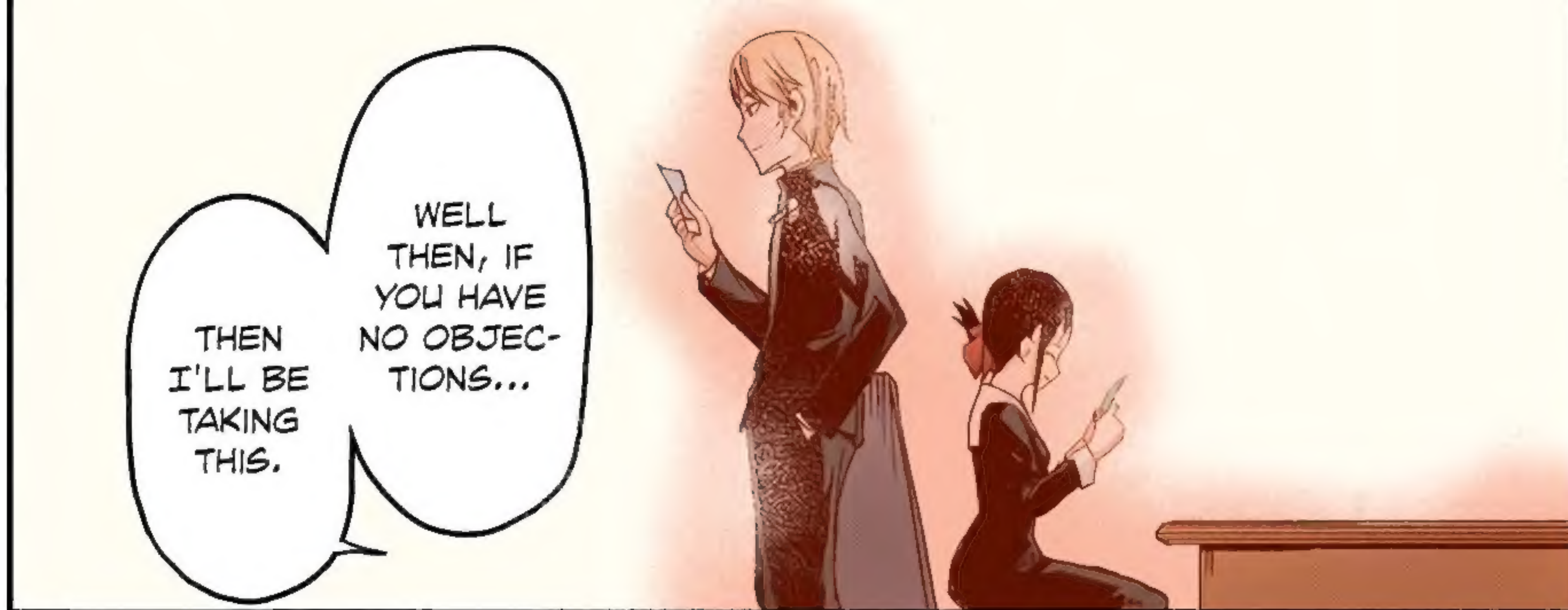


SO I
CAN USE IT
MYSELF.

YES. AS IT
HAPPENS, I'M
FREE THIS
WEEKEND,



...JUST
ONE?



MIYUKI SHIROGANE

Miyuki Shirogane

- ◆ Shuchi'in Academy Senior High, Second Year
- ◆ Student Council President
- ◆ Notable physical trait: Has naturally angry eyes
- ◆ One of the protagonists of this story

Monstrously smart, placing among the top in the nation in mock exams. Skilled in management as well, he is respected by others as a genius. However, it would be wrong to call him a natural genius.

He is, in a way, addicted to hard work. Because he believes himself to be an exceptional person and a genius, he forces himself to maintain his mental state, to the point where he may neglect his own health. Furthermore, the word "stupid" is a taboo to him. In the worst-case scenario, he will lose himself to his obsession and die an agonizing death.

Other than his eccentricity, he can be described as an extremely virtuous person.

He will never turn down an opportunity to listen to people who come to talk to him or do favors for them, and sincerely invests himself in others' well-beings. He cannot leave others in trouble, and has a knack for finding those in trouble as well. He studies for ten hours a day and works part-time jobs as well, resulting in a life where no one knows how or when he even sleeps. His naturally angry eyes are a result of his lack of sleep and his nearsightedness. He is also heavily addicted to caffeine, and will collapse and fall asleep as if running out of battery if he does not replenish his caffeine levels once every three hours.

His hair color is just a form of manga artistic expression. He is fully Japanese.



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〜天才たちの恋愛頭脳戦〜